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TO THE PUBLIC.

Friends of THE MORNING STAR will do us a favor by informing us of any failure on the part of newsdealers, or newsboys on railroad trains, to meet the public demand for copies of this paper.

OUTLINES.

A Spanish squadron, at Cadiz, is expected to sail for the Philippines by the end of May, with 11,000 troops. —— The battleship Alabama was launched yesterday; she can be made ready for commission in a year. —— The First regiment North Carolina volunteers, ordered to Tampa, will leave Raleigh to-day. —— Gladstone died last night. —— A cyclone in Iowa caused loss of life and destroyed many buildings at Stanwood, Preston, and other towns. —— The battleship Oregon has completed her long journey and is now safe. —— The Charleston has started on her long voyage to Admiral Dewey. —— Bismarck condemns the war outright. —— A heavy storm in Illinois and Wisconsin caused loss of life. —— New York markets: Money on call steady at 1½@1¾ per cent., with last loan at 1½ per cent.; cotton was dull; middling 6 7-19c; flour was weak and lower; wheat—spot weak; No. 2 red $1.51½; corn—spot weak, No. 2 41½c; rosin was steady; strained common to good $1.42½@1.45; spirits turpentine steady.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., May 18.

Temperature: 8 A. M., 71 deg.; 8 P. M., 67 deg.; maximum, 76 deg.; minimum, 67 deg.; mean, 72 deg.

Rainfall for the day, 00.; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 1.31 inches.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The Kansas storm has gained considerable energy since last evening and moved northeast to central in the upper Mississippi valley, leaving a trough of low pressure southeast to Texas. Cloudy weather and rain prevails under this disturbance over all sections west of the Mississippi valley. To its eastward the weather is generally partly cloudy, except a local thunder storm with rain falling is reported at Augusta, Ga. Light to moderate showers have also occurred during the day in the Ohio Valley and Lake sections. The pressure has fallen decidedly over all the lakes, and slightly elsewhere with highest over the Middle Atlantic States. It is much warmer to-night in the States of the Missouri, middle Mississippi and Ohio valleys, while elsewhere the temperature is nearly stationary.

Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. 4.7 feet.

COTTON REGION BULLETIN.

For the twenty-four hours ending at A. M. yesterday:

Generally light and scattered showers have occurred in nearly all districts. The weather is clear this morning, excepting in Texas, where it is cloudy. The temperature continues high.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina, fair, warmer in the interior; southerly winds.

Port Almanac---May 19.

Sun Rises	4.52 A. M.
Sun Sets	7.01 P. M.
Day's Length	14 H. 09 M.
High Water at Southport	7.17 P. M.
High Water, Wilmington	9.47 P. M.

There are ten thousand homing pigeons now in the service of the Government.

Keep your eye on Cienfuegos. It is likely to be pretty hot there pretty soon.

If it keeps dodging around this way, we will have to call that Spanish fleet the phantom fleet.

The Cymrie, which is said to be the largest freight steamer afloat, can carry 20,000 tons, enough to load 625 freight cars.

Belgium is becoming a manufacturing country. Ten years ago she exported only 4,000 tons of manufactured iron goods. In 1896 she exported 107,564 tons. Her principal trade is with the East Indies.

Georgia is rejoicing at the prospect of a good wheat crop this year. The acreage is larger than usual, and some farms have been planted in which no wheat was ever grown before.

Some of the papers are asking: "What can we do for Dewey?" At last accounts Dewey seemed pretty able to do for himself. He is just patiently waiting for those reinforcements to come along so he can walk in and take possession of Manila.

There must be something the matter with the public schools in Philadelphia, when the *Record* says that not one in ten of the graduates can read, write, speak and spell with clearness and accuracy. Too much hot-house business, probably.

THE FUSION RESOLUTIONS.

The Butler "fusion" resolutions adopted by the Populist convention at Raleigh yesterday are printed in the STAR this morning. It will be noted that the proposition is to co-operate with "*any* party or faction of a party" on the lines laid down in the resolutions. It will be understood, too, that proposition E means the retention of the present infamous election law on the statute books, although the author of the resolution was careful to leave its meaning open to various constructions. It is safe to say that when the details of the Butler plan are formulated by the conference committee provided for in the resolutions, they will not be acceptable to Democrats.

When Marion Butler and Daniel L. Russell pull together, Democrats will give them a wide berth.

Charles Boone, of Dayton, Ohio, who has recently been appointed to Annapolis as a cadet, is a boy with American push. For years he supported his mother and himself, and got an education by selling papers. He was the only boy out of fifty applicants who didn't have the recommendation of some rich man, and he was the one probably who was best entitled to recommendation.

The Emperor of Russia has an income of $25,000 a day. There isn't a crowned head over there who has an income of less than $5,000 a day, although the majority of their people are as poor as Lazarus. The President of the United States gets $130 a day and he does more hard, honest work than all of them together.

Mrs. Robley D. Evans takes a lively interest in the navy. Her husband, "Fighting Bob," commands the Iowa, her brother commands the Indiana, her son is on the Massachusetts, and her son-in-law on the New York; and she has two daughters who have volunteered and are training for nurses.

It is said that the cotton grown in Central Asia and Caucasia from American seed is quite as good as American cotton, and for this reason Russian imports of American cotton are decreasing rapidly. One fourth of the cotton now manufactured in Russia is grown in Central Asia and in Cancasia.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

The Banks—Notice.
Star—Printer wanted.
J. L. Croom—Copartnership notice.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

L. Clayton Grant—Business purchased.

CLYDE STEAMSHIPS.

Croatan Kept Out All Night—Kimon Reached New York Yesterday.

The steamship *Croatan*, Capt McKee, arrived in port yesterday morning about a day behind. Head winds delayed her all day Monday and she got to Cape Fear just as the guard boats were leaving for the night. She was too late, and according to the rules in force since the entrance to the river has been mined, she could not pass up until after 4 o'clock this morning. She had on board 2,000 barrels of cement for Fort Caswell.

The *Kimon*, which was purchased by the Clyde Steamship Company, arrived in New York yesterday, having gone all the way on her own steam. She will be placed on the West Indies route, as she draws rather too much water for the Wilmington, Charleston, or Jacksonville routes.

Populists Back From Raleigh.

The Populists came back from Raleigh yesterday. One faction looked rather glum—they had failed to gain recognition in the high councils of the party. They were Chief of Police Jno. R. Melton, Sergeant R. F. Gore and Messrs. J. R. Harper, F. J. Dempsey, and James King.

The King delegation whose members were duly recognized by the Committee on Credentials at about half past twelve yesterday morning, wore becomingly triumphant appearances. They were Messrs. B. F. Keith, Judge Geo. H. Locey. Joe King, Jr., Capt. R. B. Davis and J. W. Taylor. All of them, however, did not return last night.

Grand Conclave K. of P.

Wilmington lodges Knights of Pythias have elected representatives to the Grand Conclave which meets here June 15th as follows:

Stonewall Lodge No. 1.—J. M. McGowan.

Clarendon Lodge No. 2.—J. T. King.

Germania Lodge No. 2.—S. Behrends.

Jefferson Lodge No. 61.—W. J. Woodward.

House Furnishings.

Mr. H. A. Irwin, of the firm of Irwin Bros., house furnishers, of Portsmouth, is in the city on business connected with the agency for his house which was under the management of the late W. C. Crolle. Mr. Irwin will probably discontinue the agency, at least for the present. He will be in the city for the next day or two.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The Democratic Congressional convention of the Third District will be held in Clinton June 30th.

— Justice Bunting yesterday fined Sarah Pugh $5 and costs. The offence was assault and battery.

— A license was issued yesterday for the marriage of a colored couple, Robt. Wade to Ella Francis Gause.

— The Democrats of the Eleventh Judicial District have re-nominated W. A. Hoke for Judge and Jas. L. Webb for Solicitor.

— The Norwegian barque *Ore*, Captain Ostensen, arrived in port yesterday from Liverpool, consigned to Paterson, Downing & Co.

— Travel on the Wilmington Seacoast Railroad is beginning to pick up quite perceptibly. The people are beginning to seek the sea breezes.

— The regular, *bona fide* circulation of THE MORNING STAR is much larger than that of any other daily newspaper published in Wilmington.

— Yesterday Belle Washington, colored, was adjudged not guilty of the charge of the larceny of clothes from Lizzie Holmes, colored, by Justice Bunting.

— Engine No. 2, the big engine on the Wilmington Seacoast Railroad, is just out from a thorough overhauling and will be put on the road to-day or to-morrow.

— There will be no business transacted by the banks of the city to-morrow, the twentieth of May, the anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

— Justice Bunting yesterday adjudged J. A. Odom guilty of assault and battery, and made him pay the costs. F. M. King was tried for injury to personal property, and the case was dismissed.

— A concert connected with the closing exercises Peabody colored Graded School was given in the Opera House last night. An interesting and creditably rendered programme was rendered.

— The schooner *Ann Louisa Lockwood* seems not to have been captured by the Spaniards after all, although she was reported to have been taken. The New York *Herald* shows her arrival at Philadelphia on the 16th.

— Pat Kelly, who was committed for ten days by Mayor Wright for creating a disturbance on the wharf the day the *Nantucket* sailed, has been assigned to the arduous task of washing off the walls of the city court room.

— Lizzie Crocket, colored, yesterday applied to Justice J. M. McGowan for a peace warrant against Bettie Johnson. Squire McGowan adjudged the prosecution malicious and dismissed the case at the prosecutor's cost.

— Cape Fear Chapter Daughters of the Confederacy will hold the last monthly meeting for this season at 5 o'clock this afternoon in the assembly room at the W. L. I. armory. It is important that there be a full attendance.

— Mr. L. Clayton Grant announces that he has bought the country produce business of Mr. R. E. Ward and will conduct it at the same stand. He will be assisted by Mr. Hiram Moore, who has had abundant experience in the business.

— Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Son yesterday cleared the British steamship *Titanic* for Ghent, Belgium, with 4,400 bales of cotton, valued at $140,190. The same firm cleared the British steamship *Elloe*, light for New York. There are now no British steamships in port.

— Mr. Wm. H. Bernard, member of the State Democratic Executive Committee, has been notified to attend an important meeting of the committee to be held at Raleigh at 10 o'clock A. M., May 26th, just before the assembling of the State convention.

Army Y. M. C. A. Tent.

Reference was made several days ago to a movement on foot throughout the country to open Y. M. C. A. tents in the United States army camps. A STAR representative was told yesterday by Secretary Diggs that State Secretary W. M. Lewis is inaugurating active preparations for the establishment of the work in the camp of the North Carolina troops. He has issued a call to various local associations of the State for financial aid in the movement. Secretary Diggs received a letter from him yesterday. The big tent owned by the State Association for several years past will be used for Y. M. C. A. headquarters.

Pleasure Club Excursion.

The Oriental Pleasure Club is arranging for a big excursion to Carolina Beach on Friday, June 3d. The committee of arrangements, Messrs. J. T. Cowan, L. O. Smith, Clifton Anderson and Thos. W. Mintz, with Mr. Will West, Jr., as manager, have already begun to make preparations for the day, which they say they will make most enjoyable.

From Three-fourths of An Acre.

One hundred dollars net from three-fourths of an acre isn't bad farming at all. This is what Mr. Henry Tompkins, of Scott's Hill, who was in the city yesterday, cleared from a small strawberry crop. He will most likely plant strawberries again.

On account of commencement exercises, Oak Ridge Institute, Oak Ridge, N. C., May 22nd-24th, the Seaboard Air Line will sell round trip tickets to that point at $6.30 for the round trip; tickets to be sold May 21st to 24th, inclusive; final limit May 27th.

CHURCH ENTERTAINMENT.

Interesting Performance—Recitations, Tableaux—A Programme Excellently Rendered and Applauded.

The entertainment at the First Baptist Church last night was greeted by a large audience, all of whom were well pleased with the very interesting performance.

The entertainment opened with a recitation by Mr. W. P. Oldham, Jr., entitled "Deacon's Courtship." This was decidedly entertaining, and Mr. Oldham's powers as a declaimer are undeniable.

A number of tableaux followed, the first of which was a "Line of Fate," showing a scene in a gypsy camp. The gypsies were Misses Ellie White, Ethel Barnes, Lillian Breckenridge, Kate Sloan, Addie Gaylord, Lillie Walker and Belle Gore, and Messrs. W. L. Williford, R. C. Sloan, C. E. Taylor, Jr., and John L. Barnes.

"A Golden Wedding," the next number on the programme, was shown by Miss Linnie Alderman and Mr. Will Struthers, who were costumed to represent an aged couple with bent forms and silver locks just celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. An old spinning wheel near by added a fine effect. This was followed by "Maud Muller," who was very beautifully represented by Miss Lucy Baldwin leaning gracefully upon the familiar hay-rake, while the meadow was sweet with hay all about her.

Miss Lillian Breckenridge and Mr. Charles E. Taylor, Jr., appeared in "Angelus" and were excellent representations of devout Catholic peasants. What the "New Woman" is like, appeared from the next tableau in which a number of young ladies and gentlemen figured. The bicycle girl was represented by Miss Linnie Alderman; the fast young lady who quaffs beer quite bravely, by Miss Annie Taylor; the girl who smokes, by Miss Nellie Platt; the female lawyer, by Miss Ethel Barnes. And an eighteen year old doll, the property of little Miss Orra Freeman Perry, must not be omitted from the list. The gentlemen who took part were Mr. H. H. Merritt, a washerwoman; Mr. Will Struthers, nurse; Mr. Jno. L. Barnes, seamstress; Mr. W. L. Williford, cook.

A recitation given at this juncture by Miss Taylor was warmly applauded. The reciter showed feeling with a rare appreciation of the spirit of the piece. It was exceedingly well done.

"Ready for the Fray," a scene in which Mr. Will Tankard as Uncle Sam stood threateningly over Mr. Julian Taylor who in a reclining posture represented the Kingdom of Spain while Miss Bessie Toler as "Liberty" looked approvingly on just suited the popular mind and received generous applause.

"A Soldiers Dream," the last of the programme, was well received. Those taking part were Master David Struthers, Mr. C. E. Taylor, Jr., Miss Nellie Platt, Miss Annie Taylor and Mr. Will Struthers. After this was exhibited the audience retired to a room down stairs where ice cream and cake were served.

For the success of the evening much credit is due Mrs. C. D. Bell and Miss Mattie Freeman, who worked untiringly. They were ably assisted by Mr. James Cowan whose services as stage director were altohether indispensable.

BOARD AUDIT AND FINANCE.

Mid-Month Meeting Last Night—Light Contract Approved—City Attorney's Bond Accepted.

A regular mid-month meeting of the city Board of Audit and Finance was held last night. Chairman H. C. McQueen and Messrs. H. A. DeCover and C. W. Yates were in attendance.

The action of the City Aldermen in accepting the bid of the Wilmington Gas Light Co. to furnish lights for the City Hall, alley lamps, etc., was approved.

The bond of C. P. Lockey, Esq., city attorney, as required for the collection of back taxes, was approved. The STAR has referred to the bond before. It is for $5,000, and Col. T. W. Strange and Mr. W. H. Chadbourn are his sureties.

Bills amounting to $960.81 for current expenses, left over from the first meeting of the month, were audited.

The Board was in session until about 9.45 o'clock.

Struck By Lightning.

During Tuesday's storm lightning struck the kitchen of Mr. Isaiah West's residence at 609 Brunswick street and set fire to it. The flame was discovered and extinguished without calling out the fire department.

The lightning was attracted by a steel chain attached to the neck of a tame squirrel and went from the chain to the cage setting it on fire. Strange to say the squirrel was not harmed.

Squire Borneman's Court.

Justice Borneman had a number of offenders before him yesterday. One of them Henry McLaurin, colored, was found guilty of disorderly conduct and let off upon the payment of costs. Another party, up for the same offence, was released with the same punishment. Wm. James, colored, charged with assault and battery, had to pay the costs also, amounting to $4.05. This case was transferred from Justice G. W. Price, colored.

— Hon. Clement Manly, Chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, arrived here last night, and leaves this morning for his home in Winston.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The Restraining Order Against F. W. Foster and Others—Judge Allen Reserved His Decision.

A special telegram to the STAR received from Fayetteville last night at 7.43 o'clock announced that argument in the New Hanover County Commissioners' injunction case, pending before Judge O. H. Allen, had just been concluded, and the judge would reserve his decision until Saturday or Tuesday next.

The case in detail is familiar to readers of the STAR. It is a *quo warranto* proceeding against ex-Commissioners F. W. Foster, F. J. Dempsey and Jordan Nixon, instituted by Col. Roger Moore, W. F. Alexander, J. L. Boatwright, John Barry and James Cowan, for the right and title to the office of Commissioners of New Hanover county. The plaintiffs were appointed by Col. John D. Taylor, as Clerk of the Superior Court, the charge being made that the offices were, according to the recent Bladen county decision, *ipso facto* vacated, by Col. Foster and his two associate Commissioners having accepted positions as a Board of Education.

The STAR'S issue of last Sunday morning announced that notice of an injunction and restraining order had been served upon Col. Foster Saturday just before midnight, requiring him and also Dempsey and Nixon to appear before Judge Allen yesterday and show cause why the injunction should not continue to a hearing.

Yesterday John D. Bellamy, Esq., and Col. T. W. Strange went up to Fayetteville to appear as attorneys for the plaintiffs, and Messrs. M. Bellamy and E. K. Bryan for the defendants. Neither of these gentlemen have yet returned to the city.

As the matter now stands the contest will not be settled until Saturday or Tuesday.

WILMINGTON ATHLETES.

Our Boys Make Fine Records at Horner's on Field Day.

In the field day exercises at Horner's School last Monday, it was noticeable that Wilmington was well represented and that one of its athletes, of whom it is particularly proud, Mr. F. P. Turrentine, carried off the very highest honors, winning the greatest number of points—seventeen out of a possible eighteen; while Mr. E. Y. Wooten, also of Wilmington, won the next highest number of points—eleven out of a possible fifteen. Mr. Harry G. Smallbones also made a good record. Turrentine was first in football drop kick for accuracy and distance, 100 yards dash, two mile bicycle race, 220 yards foot race, running broad jump; he was second in only one contest—football kick for distance. Wooten was first in 120 yards hurdle race and running high jump (5 feet 4 inches); he was second in football drop kick for accuracy and distance and one-fourth mile foot race.

THE EPISCOPAL COUNCIL.

Delegates Left Yesterday Over the W. & N. Railroad.

The delegates to the Episcopal Diocesan Convention and the Woman's Auxiliary, which meets with Christ Church, Newbern, to-day at 11 o'clock left yesterday over the Wilmington & Newbern railroad. Some of those who went were Bishop A. A. Watson and wife, Rev. Dr. Carmichael and wife, Rev. Dr. Robt. Strange, Rev. Edward Wooten, Col. Jno. W. Atkinson, Col. W. L. DeRosset, Mr. William Calder, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Giles, Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Holmes, and Mr. J. Hicks Bunting. Mr. H. G. Smallbones left last night to go by way of Goldsboro.

That "Liquid Air" Lecture.

There seems to be some doubt about the coming of Prof. Edwards from Columbian University to deliver the lecture on "Liquid Air" and kindred subjects, which was announced for about June 1st. He writes Secretary Diggs that he may not be able to preserve the liquid air so long as would be necessary to convey it from the University to Wilmington. As this would be the most interesting feature of the lecture Mr. Diggs thinks it probable that the lecture committee will just abandon the idea of the lecture altogether.

Cape Fear Lodge I. O. O. F.

Messrs. H. A. Tucker and Bro., have completed, with the exception of the lettering, the marble "markers" which are to be placed over the graves of the deceased members of Cape Fear Lodge No. 2, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. There are forty of them in all, showing that a goodly number of old Cape Fear Lodge have passed over the river. Each stone will bear the name of the person whose grave it marks and the name of the lodge, together with the three links of the order.

A Tug Caught Fire.

Yesterday about 8:30 a. m. Capt. Charles Wessel's tug *Annie* was discovered to be on fire, having apparently caught about the smokestack, and was burning quite freely. The alarm was given and the flames very soon extinguished by the free use of buckets of water. The damage was very slight.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure prompt and regular delivery.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. F. K. Thompson, of Raleigh, is here.

— Mr. J. J. Dowling, of Charlotte, is in the city.

— Dr. McNeal, of Shallotte, was here yesterday.

— Mr. T. G. Wilson, of Charlotte, was here yesterday.

— Mr. B. I. Brown, of Henderson, arrived in the city last night.

— Capt. R. P. Paddison, of Point Caswell, was in the city yesterday.

— Miss Lizzie McMillan has returned from a trip to Sloop Point.

— Mr. W. E. Thigpen, of Chadbourn, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

— Mr. F. T. Mills returned yesterday from a Northern trip to buy horses.

— Mr. T. A. Hunter, of Greensboro, was in the city yesterday on business.

— Miss Lucy Wootten, of this city, is visiting her uncle, Mr. R. B. Jewett in Savannah.

— Mr. E. C. McEachern has returned from Chapel Hill where he has been attending the University.

— Messrs. S. Atkinson, of Sloop Point, and W. H. King, of Hampstead, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. C. L. Parker, who is driving the artesian well at Hilton, returned yesterday from a trip to St. Augustine, Fla.

— Mr. C. S. Garrell left yesterday for Iron Hill, Cplumbus county, to spend a couple of weeks looking after his stores in that town.

— Mrs. S. B. Plummer, of this city, is spending a few weeks at Red Springs, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Townsend.

— Mrs. J. D. Webster and daughter, Miss Emma, will leave the city today for a protracted visit to relatives in the western part of the State.

— Miss Jessie Worth and Miss Harriet Clark, of Cresskill, New Jersey, are in the city visiting the family of Mr. B. G. Worth. Miss Worth is a granddaughter of Mr. Worth.

— Editor Abernethy of the Beaufort *Times-Herald*, who is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Solicitor in this (6th) Judicial District, was here yesterday and called at the STAR office.

— Miss Meta Jewett who spent the past several weeks in the city, the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. L. A. Jewett, has returned to her home in Florida, much to the regret of her many friends here.

— Dr. Thomas, who is to succeed Dr. J. M. Eager at the quarantine station, has arrived. He went down to the station yesterday morning on the *Wilmington*. Dr. Eager and family will come up to-day, on their way to Galveston, where Dr. Eager will be stationed hereafter.

— Hon. A. M. Waddell and Iredell Meares, Esq., returned yesterday from Richmond, Va., where they had been to argue in the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals the case of Edward Pearsall et al. vs. The Cape Fear Towing and Transportation Company, which was appealed from the District Court in admiralty to the Circuit Court of Appeals.

DELIGHTFUL MUSICALE.

"An Evening With Mendelsohn," by the Piano Class of the Musical Association.

"An Evening with Mendelsohn" was the title of a most delightful musicale given last night by the piano class of the Wilmington Musical Association in Prof. E. VanLaer's piano warerooom on North Fourth street. The piano class is a recently organized feature of the Musical Association. There are now about twenty-five members, all ladies.

The entertainment last evening was the first given by the class, and each member was allowed to invite only one friend to share the pleasures of the occasion. Every selection on the programme, save one, was from the pen of Mendelsohn, the renowned music composer. It is the purpose of the class to make the reading of a sketch and criticism of a composer's life and works a feature of future events of this character.

The following programme was most admirably rendered last night:

Overture, "The Hebrides;" first piano—Mrs. Haar and Mrs. Glameyer; second piano—Misses Shepherd and Stolter.

Vocal solo, "On Wings of Song," by Miss Annie Adrian.

Song without words, "Volkestied," by Miss Corbett.

Quartette, "Oh, For the Wings of a Dove;" soloist, Miss O'Connor; quartette, Mrs. Waddell, Miss Adrian, and Messrs. Schulken and A. S. Holden.

Song without words, "Duetto," by Miss Burtt.

Vocal solo, "In the Garden of Sleep" (De Lara), by Miss O'Connor.

Song without words, "Volkestied," by Mrs. A. M. Waddell, Jr.

Concerto, op. 25; first piano—Mrs. Waddell; second piano—Mrs. Schulken.

That Annual Concert.

It is very probable that the first annual concert by the Wilmington Musical Association will be given on the evening of May 30th, in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. Mr. Ed Munson, the able musical director, assisted by a competent committee, is preparing a programme which gives abundant promise of a rare musical treat.

"FUSION" RESOLUTIONS.

Adopted at the State Convention of the Populist Party, Held in Raleigh, N. C.

The Populist convention at Raleigh yesterday adopted the following "Fusion" resolutions by a vote of 675 to 285:

WHEREAS, the People's party was organized to remove the causes that produce hard times in the midst of plenty by overthrowing the domination of the gold ring and its allied trusts and monopolies, and by restoring our government on the great fundamental principles of good government advocated by Jefferson, Jackson and Lincoln.

WHEREAS, to-day the rank and file of all parties (including a large majority of the voters of the United States) unequivocally agree with us on the great fundamental questions involved and the results for which we have constantly striven, and

WHEREAS, the only difference between this great majority of patriotic voters is as to questions of detail and method, now therefore

Resolved (1), That we most earnestly endorse the three addresses recently issued by the national chairman of the People's party, and the open letter of Hon. W. J. Bryan in the New York *Journal*, urging an honorable and harmonious co-operation of all who oppose the domination of gold and monopoly, and who favor the overthrow of the national bank and railroad influence in controlling legislation.

Resolved (2), That in the coming State election, we invite the patriotic co-operation of any party or faction of a party, who favors the above general principles and who will co-operate with us to secure the following results, viz:

1. To elect nine free silver and anti-monopoly Congressmen.

2. To elect six judges of ability and high character, and free from partisan bias.

3. To elect twelve solicitors, fearless and impartial.

4. To elect an anti-monopoly Legislature pledged to the following measures, viz:

A. A Legislature opposed to the demonetization of silver by private contract, and which will enack legislation to put a stop to the giving and taking of gold notes and mortgages

B. A Legislature opposed to government by injunction, and which will enact sufficient legislation including a license law similar to the Wisconsin statue, to effectually prevent the removal to Federal courts all causes which should be tried in our State courts.

C. A Legislature opposed to the 99 year lease of the North Carolina Railroad, and which will use all lawful and legitimate means to set the same aside.

D. A Legislature opposed to free passes, and which will make the present law prohibiting the giving of free passes apply equally to those receiving the same.

E. A Legislature in favor of a free ballot and a fair count, and which will enact legislation guaranteeing to each political party the right of being represented on all election boards by representatives of its own selection.

F. A Legislature in favor of a system of local self government and which will enact under proper safeguards sufficient legislation to guarantee the counties the right to elect their local officials.

G. A Legislature in favor of a reduction of freight, passenger and express rates, and of telegraph and telephone tariffs to the gold standard level. That will endorse the action of Commissioner Pearson in taking a stand for such reduction, and which will favor upholding the Railroad Commission law, making the same effective according to all of its intents and purposes, and which will enact legislation providing for the election of Railroad Commissioners by the people.

H. Resolved, That this covnetion elect a conference committee, which shall be authorized to confer with any party or faction of a party, that declares its endorsements of the above principles and purposes, and that favors co-operation with the People's party, to carry the same into effect upon such basis as will maintain intact the integrity of the People's party, and as will preserve to it not less than its present representation in both State and national affairs.

THE POP. STATE CONVENTION

State Executive Committee—Gov. Russell's Administration Endorsed—Butler Happy.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., May 18.—The Populist State Convention elected Cyrus Thompson chairman of the State executive committee. Schulken, Moye, Ayer, Morrison, Caldwell, Lloyd and Garrett compose the new central committee.

A resolution endorsing Governor Russell's administration passed.

The adoption of the Ayer resolution was the only action taken in reference to fusion. The Ayer resolution was amended by the adoption of Bryan's letter to the New York *Journal*, published some weeks ago.

All the Skinnerites are not pacified. Many of them expressed the opinion to-day that Democratic fusion could never result, as the Populists would refuse to enter into it. There is strong under-current against Butler.

Butler and his congressional friends returned to Washington, happy over the victory.

NORTH CAROLINA TROOPS.

The First Regiment Volunteers Ordered to Tampa—Will Leave Raleigh To-day.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., May 18.—The First regiment will leave to-morrow for Tampa, Fla. The orders were given by the Secretary of War last night. The entire regiment, consisting of 932 enlisted men and fifty officers will begin to pack tents at day-break. The Southern railroad will transport the first battalion, the Coast Line the second, and the Seaboard Air Line the third.

Seventy empty passenger coaches have been brought here by the Seaboard.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

Officers Elected by the Grand Chapter at Raleigh.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH N. C., May—The Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, to-day elected the following officers:

Grand High Priest—Martin S. Willard, of Wilmington.

Deputy Grand High Priest—W. T. Randolph, of Asheville.

Grand King—J. D. Bullock, of Wilson.

Grand Scribe—J. H. Hackburn, of Newbern.

Grand Treasurer—W. P. Simpson, of Raleigh.

Grand Secretary—H. H. Munson, of Wilmington.

Grand Chaplain—Rev. Hoffman, of Asheville.

Grand Captain of Hosts—John C. Drewery, of Raleigh.

Grand Royal Arch Captain—M. S. Noble, of Wilmington.

Past Grand High Priest E. S. Martin, of Wilmington, delivered an address on the history of Royal Arch Masonry in North Carolina.

MARRIAGE IN MOCKSVILLE.

Miss Lila Bell Wedded to Maxcy L. John, Esq., of Laurinburg.

[*Star Correspondence.*]

MOCKSVILLE, N. C., May 18.

There was a pretty home wedding here this morning at 7.30 o'clock, in which Maxcy L. John, Esq., of Laurinburg, led to the altar Miss Lila Bell, of Mocksville. It was a very quiet affair, with none but the most intimate friends present, and but few of them. Miss Bell is the elder daughter of the late Dr. M. T. Bell, and granddaughter of Dr. Martin, both of whom practiced medicine here for a long time and died lamented by the community. She has graces that will win for her many strong friends in her new home, for she is not only beautiful in person but lovely in character, and gifted in all those graces that make true womanhood most glorious. Mocksville loses one of its sweetest flowers.

The visitors from a distance were F. M. Bell, Esq., of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McCubbins, of Salisbury; Rev. R. B. John, of Newbern, who officiated; Dr. Peter John and Mr. James C. McEachin, of Laurinburg.

The party took the north-bound train at 8 o'clock A. M. Mr. and Mrs. John will live in Laurinburg, where Mr. John is a prominent attorney, who has frequently been mayor of his town, and has received other honors at the hands of his fellow citizens.

No mineral water in the world is superior to that of Jackson Springs for Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Insomnia, Nervous Prostration, or Kidney, Bladder and Stomach troubles. Read advertisement in the STAR. †

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Notice.

NO BUSINESS WILL BE TRANSACTED BY the BANKS of this City, Friday MAY 20th, 1898
MURCHISON & CO., Bankers.
NATIONAL BANK of Wilmington.
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Copartnership Notice.

The copartnership heretofore existing under the style and name of J. L. Croom & Bro. has this day been dissolved by mutual consent, Z. V. Croom withdrawing therefrom. The business will be continued at Nos. 10 and 12 Mulberry or Grace street by J. L. Croom & Co. All debts due the firm will be paid to me, and all debts owing paid by me. This 17th May, 1898.
my 18 3t J. L. CROOM.

Printer Wanted.

A young Printer who can handle manuscript copy, "good, bad and indifferent," is wanted to work as Two-Thirder on the STAR. Good opportunity for a young man who wishes to complete his trade. Call at or address,
THE STAR OFFICE.
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First Grand Excursion of the Season TO CAROLINA BEACH,

FRIDAY, MAY 20TH.—Music by the Italian String Band. Refreshments will be served on boat and at pavilion by Mrs. R. Warren & Son. Hot Meals at Mrs. H. J. Kure's. Boat leaves at 9.30 A. M., 3.00 and 7.15 P. M. Last boat leaves Beach at 10.30 P. M. Committee—Hans A. Kure, S. A. Greelish and I. C. Williams. my 17 3t

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Make Sky-High Prices.

We Are Strictly In It.

WE HAVE THE STUFF—WE CAN SELL YOU LOW DOWN.

FLOUR, all kinds.
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You dare not wait longer or you must shut up shop later on. You won't have any goods to sell.

Orders entrusted to us will have best attention and low prices.

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PROVISIONERS,
my 8 tf Nutt Street.

CAROLINA BEACH.

STEAMER WILMINGTON

Leave for Carolina Beach at 9.30 A. M.; arrive back 5 P. M., daily except Sunday, until further notice.

Leave Wilmington Sunday at 2.30 P. M. Return at 7 P. M.
my 15 tf J. W. HARPER.

PUBLISHER'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE MORNING STAR, the oldest daily newspaper in North Carolina, is published daily except Monday, $5.00 per year, $2.50 for six months, $1.25 for three months, 50 cents for one month to mail subscribers. Delivered to city subscribers at the rate of 45 cents per month for any period from one month to one year.

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All announcements of Fairs, Festivals, Balls, Hops, Picnics, Society Meetings, Political Meetings, &c., will be charged regular advertising rates.

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No advertisements inserted in Local Columns at any price.

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Remittances must be made by Check, Draft, Postal Money Order, Express or in Registered Letter. Only such remittances will be at the risk of the publisher.

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Notices of Marriage or Death, Tributes of Respect, Resolutions of Thanks, &c., are charged for as ordinary advertisements, but only half rates when paid for strictly in advance. At this rate 50 cents will pay for a simple announcement of Marriage or Death.

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Contract advertisers will not be allowed to exceed their space or advertise anything foreign to their regular business without extra charge at transient rates.

Advertisements kept under the head of "New Advertisements" will be charged fifty per cent. extra.

Advertisements to follow reading matter, or to occupy any special place, will be charged extra according to the position desired.

The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 19, 1898

A COMMERCIAL NECESSITY.

Yesterday we wrote about the importance of a canal across the isthmus from a military standpoint and of the great advantage it would give us now if we had it in the speedy movement of our ships and troops from one ocean to the other. When some time ago the Nicaragua canal bill was before Congress and the people were discussing the scheme its importance from a military standpoint was frequently referred to as one of the arguments in favor of its speedy construction, but none of those who urged this view of it then thought we would so soon have such a practical illustration of its importance, and so soon feel the need of it. The operations of Admiral Dewey's fleet at Manila and the resultant virtual capture of the islands has strikingly demonstrated this, and demonstrated it in a way that every one will understand it. If we had that canal now it would be worth millions to us in hastening the end of the war, and in saving the lives and the treasure that would be expended in a prolonged war.

Yesterday we quoted a brief extract from the Philadelphia *Press*, showing, as illustrated by the trip of the Oregon, what this country might have gained had this canal been open for the Oregon to come between the continents instead of being forced to make the long and dangerous journey around the South American continent, exposed every day after she entered the Atlantic to attack by an enemy and forced to fight the ships, many or few, which loitered on the sea in waiting for her. The following, suggested by the voyage of the Oregon, showing by figures the value of this canal, we clip from the New York *Journal*:

"The Oregon taking nearly two months to join the Atlantic fleet when, were the Nicaraguan Canal existent, she could have made the voyage in two weeks, leaves nothing to say against the military necessity of that short waterway to the United States.

"Either we must cut the canal or make up our minds to do a more costly thing—maintain a double navy.

"Every nation that maintains a powerful fleet in the Pacific has us at a fearful disadvantage now.

"The voyage from New York to San Francisco by way of the Straits of Magellan is 13,174 miles, and by way of Cape Horn is 15,660. By way of the Nicaraguan Canal it would be but 4,907, a shortening as to one route by 8,267 miles and as to the other by 10,753.

"With the canal we could hurry our ships from the Atlantic to the Pacific and vice versa as they might be needed; without the canal every one of them will have to follow the same track that the Oregon has taken—the same that was pursued by the exploring Magellan, discoverer of the straits, in 1520.

"Commercially the canal is as necessary as it is strategically. Its opening would mean an enormous impetus to the development of our Pacific coast. Well within ten years the population of that region would be doubled and its natural wealth poured out to enrich the whole country. New Orleans and other Southern ports would spring into greatness under the stimulus of the new trade opened to them and the territory which produces their special exports. The western coast of South America would become tributay to us by furnishing a direct market to our cotton growers, iron founders and manufacturers in general.

"Thanks to the Suez Canal, England is nearer than we are by about 2,700 miles to China, Japan and Australia. Open the Nicaraguan Canal and our Atlantic ports would be only 1,000 miles further from Hong Kong and Central China generally than is England, and from 1,200 to 1,900 miles nearer the northern ports of China, Corea and Japan; 2,700 miles on the average nearer the western ports of South America, 1,300 miles nearer Melbourne and over 3,000 miles nearer New Zealand. The canal would bring within trade reach hundreds of millions of consumers with whom we have now but scant connection.

"The commercial face of the world would be changed, and all to the benefit of the United States.

"Ever since 1825 Nicaragua has been inviting us to open this canal, and the reason it has not been opened is that the project has seemed too vast to small minds in control of our Government's action. Yet the canal can be constructed for less than half of what this war with decrepit Spain will cost us, and it could be begun and finished in five years.

"The non-existence of the Nicaraguan Canal is a fine type of the blessings this country owes to those "conservative and judicious" persons who are chiefly remarkable for not been able to see further than the ends of their noses.

"The canal will be cut now. The Oregon's voyage has been a kindergarten lesson to the entire country, and the fight with Spain has opened everybody's eyes to the cold fact that the best time to prepare for war is when we are at peace.

"And the canal will be built by the American Government and owned by the American people. Its banks will be our coast line, and no power will be permitted to share with us dominion over it. The pretended rights of England under the obsolete Clayton-Bulwer treaty cannot be recognized."

These are neither new facts nor new figures, for they have been prepresented in some shape by the advocates of this enterprise scores and score of times. The importance of it is now emphasized by the developments of the past few weeks in the far East. Whether we are to retain a contingent or real proprietorship in the Philippine islands, the demands of our trade and the prospective relations that we may bear towards other nations reaching out for dominion and trade in that part of the world will suggest the expediency of securing some base of supplies, some harbor that we can call our own in those islands, so that we will become in a measure identified with them, if we should decide not to aim at a controlling influence over all of them.

But whether over one or all there will be an additional reason and a potent one too, why this canal should be built. If we seek a foothold in these islands it will not be on account of the value of the islands themselves, although they may be valuable, but as a vantage ground for the extension and development of our trade among the people of that side of the globe, in trading with whom the European nations have the advantage of the Suez canal, which obviates a doubling of the continent of Africa, just as the Nicaraguan canal will obviate the doubling of the South American continent. We can't expect to compete or contend with other nations on that side of the earth who have such an advantage over us, and if we undertake it the Nicaragua canal becomes an absolute necessity. We must have it or surrender present and prospective influence on the other side of the Pacific.

MINOR MENTION.

It is quite natural that there should be some impatience with the slow progress of the movement upon Cuba, which is rather intensified by the boldness, the dash and cleverness with which Admiral Dewey sailed in and did the business for that Spanish fleet and got the clutch on Manila. An idea prevails that Havana would tumble if there was a knock at the door, and a good many people do not understand why the knocking doesn't begin. If it hadn't been for the will-o-the-wisp dodging around of that Spanish fleet which has been reported at so many different places, and hasn't been located long anywhere, the probabilities are there would before this have been a strong movement on Havana, but this and the wide publicity given to our army and our navy movements somewhat thwarted the plans and necessitated delays and changes and, doubtless, there is a conviction at Washington that the capture of Havana is simply a question of time and that through the operations of the blockade, and the scarcity of food and ammunition, it will be forced to capitulate, without much fighting or much loss of life. With the whereabouts of the Spanish fleet or fleets definitely located, and the objective point reasonably well settled the plans for operations on Cuba may be matured and carried out. As we see it, these plans will not be on a colossal scale. We do not think any great army is going to be thrown into Cuba for the present, or that men will be thrown on these will be necessary to secure the landing and the safe delivery of such supplies as the fighting Cubans need, that these landing parties will be effectively supported by warships, and that the inland fighting for some time will be left to the Cuban armies, which will make their way towards the Spanish centers on the coast and when close enough will have the co-operation of our warships and such bodies of troops as it may be deemed advisable to land. That's the way it looks now, but the Washington plans change so often that there is no telling how it may look a day or two hence. A good deal of it, in fact about all of it, depends on the performance of that elusive Spanish fleet.

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Senator Butler seems to have got away with the Skinner-Wilson contingent in the Pop. Convention at Raleigh. When Otho Wilson laid him out at the meeting of the State Committee some time ago, he said he would return the compliment and lay Otho out in the State Convention, and immediately proceeded to fix his wires to do that. Being a more resourceful politician than Otho, he managed the business more adroitly, got more of his followers to the convention, secured the completing of the roll of delegates and the naming of the committees by the chairman, and thus got the thing in his own hands and reconcentradoed the Skinner-Wilson contingent. Butler, Ayer & Co. now feel better, and Skinner, Wilson & Co. feel worse. The two factions will continue to pull hair, for the only way Skinner and Otho can harmonize is by surrendering, and that would be a very bitter dose for either, both of whom have been working with the industry of beavers to get Butler out of the way. Otho wants his scalp and Harry Skinner wants his seat in the Senate. Butler is playing the fusion racket with the Democrats, and would like very well to carry it out if he could do it on his own terms. Failing in that, as he expects to, he can then proceed to dicker with the other side.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— When it comes to providing proper punishment for the Governor General of the Philippines, we should think that a sentence which would compel him to read that proclamation he issued just before the bombardment would be about the proper thing.—*Washington Post, Ind.*

If the auxiliary cruiser Prairie, engaged in target practice off Cape Cod, could scare the Cape Codders half out of their wits what might be expected should an aggregation of real cruisers begin to crack away at each other within earshot of the Massachusetts coast? A stiffening of sinews would appear to be needed along our seaboard.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

—— An incident of the plucky little Winslow's fight at Cardenas the other day which will prove of especial interest to naval people is the fact that the port torpedo was was struck by a shell which passed entirely though the gun cotton charge. The charge did not explode, notwithstanding the torpedo was ruined beyond repair. This would seem to indicate that gun cotton is a much more safe explosive than it is generally credited with being.—*Savannah News, Dem.*

—— It is another of time's coincidences that May day was the date not only of Dewey's victory in Manila bay, but of Sir Francis Drakes's great exploit of 1587, when the English corsair with 26 ships boldly entered the harbor of Cadiz, silenced all the forts and destroyed over 1000 Spanish vessels designed to form the great armada which was soon to sail for the conquest of England. The parallel becomes remarkable in that Drake, like Dewey, did not lose a ship or a man.—*Augusta Chronicle, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS.

— Turnkey—"A reporter wishes to interview you. Will you see him?" Prisoner—"No, indeed; tell him I am not at home."—*Baltimore Comment.*

— Not like other girls: "Uncle Julius, what is a Bacchante?" "Well, according to art a Bacchante is a young woman who can feel perfectly happy without owning a stitch of clothes."—*Puck.*

— Analogies. "A single man," said the garrulous boarder, "is like a derelict at sea, and remains so until he is towed into the matrimonial harbor." "Ships in harbor," said the unmarried boarder, "seem more liable to blowing up."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

— Weyler's Invasion: "Do you think Weyler seriously thinks of ever trying to invade this country?" "I wouldn't be surprised if he did. The fellow is just inhuman enough to want to come over here and lecture about it after the trouble is over."—*Chicago News.*

— Exposed His Hand: "Isn't it awful about the Rev. Birdling; I hear that his wife has begun suit for a divorce. What's the trouble?" "He wrote an article for one of the Sunday papers on how to be happy, though married, and his wife says she has got tired living with a hypocrite."

— She—"I don't see what you find in the lives of great men that can interest you so much. It seems to me you're always reading about them." He—"Oh, yes; in reading about even the greatest of them I always find that they were just as foolish in some respects as I am. It gives me confidence in myself."

—"For my part, I can't see why so many of the boys are getting married before going to war. I should think they'd put off the wedding until they return." "What! And leave the girls here to take the chances, with a scarcity of men? It is evident that you have no appreciation of the soldier's finer feelings."

— Booth Barrett—"What's your idea in putting on Othello at such a time as this? The people won't have Shakespeare now," Manager—"My dear fellow, that's where you are short-sighted. Othello was a Moor. The Moors once made it warm for the Spaniards. We'll lay especial stress upon that fact in our advertisements, and electrify the country."

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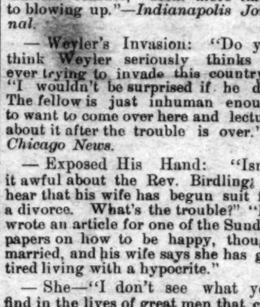

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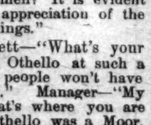

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Winston *Sentinel:* Mr William Elbert is said to be the only Forsyth citizen now living, who fought in the Mexican war. He is drawing a pension of $10 per month.

— Statesville *Landmark:* In Wallacetown, a colored suburb, Saturday afternoon, John Payne and Dudley Dalton, both colored, engaged in a fight in which Payne cut Dalton severely. The latter is in a serious condition and his wounds may prove fatal. Sheriff Wycoff and Policeman Henry arrested Payne near Mills' Springs Sunday afternoon and he is now in jail awaiting the result of Dalton's wounds before he is given a preliminary hearing.

— Raleigh *Post:* Mr. T. R. Bruner leaves to day for Omaha, Neb., where he goes to arrange the North Carolina exhibit at the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition. Mr. Bruner will be in charge of the North Carolina exhibit, which includes some of the finest specimens of State products taken from the Museum. These have already been shipped. The authorities of the Agricultural Department displayed much wisdom in placing Mr. Bruner in charge of the exhibit. The North Carolina exhibit will occupy a space 800 feet square. The department will expend $2,000 in making the exhibit. The Exposition opens June 1st, and will continue several months.

— Winston *Journal:* Editor Gibbons, proprietor of the *Herald*, came near becoming the victim of an assassin's bullet Sunday morning. About 1 o'clock Gibbons was awakened by the report of a gun, but that being a common occurrence in his neighborhood, he did not get up. Sunday morning he found that several bullets had struck the window near where his bed was located. One bullet hit a nail and dropped to the ground, and the editor now has it in his possession. Gibbons says the would-be assassin evidently knew the location of his bed and the arrangement of the room, judging from where the shots struck the building. Gibbons says he has his suspicions as to who the parties were, and new and sensational developments may be expected later.

— Greenville *Reflector:* There were many sad hearts in town Sunday night when it was learned that Dr. Frank W. Brown was dead. He passed away about 8 o'clock at his home, after an illness of only ten days. He was in his 38th year, and was one of the best physicians in Eastern North Carolina. —— There was a serious cutting scrape here to day. Moses King, the colored policeman, was trying to arrest George Green. Green was trying to escape by getting on the freight train at the depot, when King called to Jake Latham, colored, to help catch him. Latham ran in to Green, when the latter pulled a razor and gave Latham a murderous swipe. The razor first split Latham's hat brim, and then taking hold of the flesh near the corner of his eye, made an awful gash down the side of his face around to the chin. Though cut so severely Latham downed his man and held him until King could tie him.

SHOWING OFF A GUEST.

The Innkeeper Was Determined Ex-Secretary Fessenden Should Appear.

One night while ex-Secretary Fessenden was on a political mission to the northern part of Maine he stopped at a small hotel.

In the center of the house was a big stove that warmed two rooms. In one of the apartments Judge Fessenden established himself and prepared to take proper comfort during the evening. Just as he had got well located with a book, the landlord, a 6 foot French Canadian, came in.

"Excuse me, 'seir," said he, "but Mr. Ed Wiggone of Maysville, she be in de odder room, an she wan' to see Mr. Fessendeen."

"Tell Mr. Wiggin I'll be in a little later," said Judge Fessenden, turning another leaf in his book.

The landlord went out. He returned in a moment. "Mr. Wiggone she send his compliments, an she say dat she wan' Mr. Fessendeen right away."

The interruption just at that moment rather nettled the judge, who was in no way accustomed to dictatorship. He sent back such a sharp reply that it was easily seen that the landlord was cut by his asperity. In just 30 seconds the landlord was back. Judge Fessenden raised his eyes to find the man staring at him with a look of desperate resolve. With suppressed excitement in his tones the tall landlord spoke.

"Mr. Wiggone say she wan' see Mr. Fessendeen quick, an she gues' o' de house, an I say she gon' to see him."

Forthwith the big landlord swooped down on the astonished gentleman, seized him, tucked him under his arm and strode across into the room of the peremptory gentleman from Maysville.

"Mr. Wiggones," calmly said the landlord, as matter of fact as though he had just delivered a pitcher of ice water, "here be Mr. Fessendeen." He set the indignant "caller" down on a chair and retired smilingly.—Bangor Commercial.

The Cost of a Batanga Wife.

There is a list of goods which was recently paid by a young man in our employ to a father in-law who had an eye for business before the young man secured his wife. And the time will never come when his father-in-law will not regard it as his perfect right to ask his son-in-law for anything more he may want. The list is thus: Eighty neptunes, 5 guns, 32 marks' (about $8) worth of cloth, 3 goats, 5 cases of gin, 3 kegs of powder, 2 zinc trunks, 2 umbrellas, 1 coat, 2 chairs, 2 tall hats, 3 felt hats, 1 flag, 4 shirts, 1 tin of sugar, 6 drinking glasses, 12 plates, 1 lamp, 2 brass kettles, 4 small iron pots, 1 knife, 25 pipes, 2 jugs, 1 large iron pot, 30 brass wires, 4 pairs of scissors and about 23 marks in cash ($5.75).

Quite a long, costly list for this country, when it is remembered that this young man receives but 90 marks (about $5) per month for his wages, upon which he must clothe himself as well as divide with others. When the father-in-law concludes that the son-in-law has paid him enough for the time being for his daughter, he then gives her over to the young man, and she becomes his wife.—Church at Home and Abroad.

Pa's Farewell Appearance at the Circus.

There was a circus at Chanute, and an old farmer concluded he would take his wife to it. He had about $75 in change in his pocket, and as a matter of precaution he took along a revolver, knowing that he would not get home until late at night. After the circus was over the old farmer spied a "shell game" and tried to beat it. In about ten minutes he had lost $75. His wife was present at the performance. She concluded that the old man had got up against a "rogular swindling game," as she termed it, and decided to help him out. She took the revolver out of his pocket and poked it under the nose of the operator of the shell game and coolly told him to give back the old man's money. The gambler handed it over, and turning to the old farmer she said:

"Now, pa, we'll go home, and you can't never go to another circus as long as you live."—Kansas City Journal.

Conflicting Evidence.

"Was that a man's valise or a woman's that the police found down by the railroad track?" asked the city editor.

"I dunno," answered the police reporter. "There was nothing in it but one of Zola's stories, a copy of 'The Dolly Dialogues,' a paper sack of caramels and a pack of cigarettes."—Indianapolis Journal.

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PAID HIS BILLS IN FIGHTS.

Whipped a Landlord and a Lawyer Until They Called It Even.

In relating a fight he once had with a man from Illinois Mr. S. H. Piles of Paducah says: "At that time I lived in Smithland. W. P. Fowler was judge; I was sheriff; J W. Code was clerk; Blount Hodge was there; Ben Barnes, Dr. Sanders, T. C. Leech, Judge Bennet, J. W. Bush and many others of the old timers lived there then. I kept a hotel called the Waverly House. This man from Illinois put up with me. I gave him one of the best rooms. He staid several days. I got uneasy about my bill and asked him for it. He said that I was in a h—l of a hurry and that he would pay it whenever he got ready. I very foolishly told him that if he did not pay me right then I would take it out of his hide. He pulled off his coat and said he was ready to settle, and we went at it. We fought for some time, and I thought I had whipped him, but I am sorry to say that I was mistaken. He rested a short time and jumped on me again. When we fought out this round, I again thought I had him whipped. But, alas, I was again mistaken, for he rested for a time and came at me again. By this time I was very tired of the fight. He got me down on the floor, and, after thinking about it for years, I think I was whipped. When he let me get up, I told him he did not owe me a cent and could stay at the Waverly House free of charge as long as he wanted to.

"This man from Illinois had a lawsuit in our court, and David Greer was his lawyer. David had the suit up in nice shape and expected a big fee, but alas for David! This man from Illinois, flushed with victory after getting through with me, concluded to settle with David as he had with me. He went to David's office and told him he had settled his bill with Sam Piles, and now he was ready to pay him his fee in the same way. David got up out of his chair and backed himself up in the corner and told the man from Illinois that he did not owe him a cent, and also told him that if it would be unpleasant for him to stay longer with me he could go home with him, and it would cost him nothing to stay as long as he desired to. But the man from Illinois had not completed his mission at Smithland as yet. He owed Tom Robertson a livery stable bill. He called on him to settle. Tom told him he owed him nothing. He then called on Mr. Cade, and he told him the same thing.

"The last time I heard from this man from Illinois was that he was fighting the livery stable man at New Liberty, Ills., to get his horse out of the stable without pay, and he did so."—Louisville Dispatch.

CHARITY IN FRANCE.

Society Women Nurse In Hospitals Where Loathsome Diseases Are Treated.

Miss Anna L. Bicknell writes of "French Wives and Mothers" in The Century. Miss Bicknell says:

Ladies of the highest rank, who seem the most engrossed by frivolous pleasures, will perform heroic acts of charity in the most unexpected manner. The Infirmary For Cancerous Diseases, containing the most fearful and loathsome examples of that repulsive malady, is regularly attended by ladies of rank, who have their fixed days of duty, when, each in turn, they dress the wounds with their own hands. The Duchesse d'Uzes, one of the best known leaders of fashion, whose splendid festivities fill the chronicles of the leading newspapers, is one of the most assiduous, showing an adroitness in the exercise of her charitable functions which induces her care to be particularly desired by the patients.

I know great families who, when residing in their country houses, have regular days in the week when the daughters of the family dress wounds and sores among the surrounding peasantry. The mothers in such families repress energetically any morbid sensibility which might interfere with such duties. "What will you be fit for in after life if you cannot command your feelings?" I have heard said by a venerable marquise who looked as if she had stepped down from the frame of one of the pictures in her chateau. I may quote another instance, of a lady in a less high position who took in a wretched beggar child on a cold wintry night, performing maternal offices as regards removing the consequences of his neglected condition which were so repulsive that her physical strength gave way and she was taken violently ill in consequence. On my praising her charity, she exclaimed almost indignantly, "What, when our Lord washed the feet of his disciples, you would have me shrink from doing what is necessary for a poor, wretched child merely through a feeling of disgust?"

I said nothing, but could not help thinking how many would have left the care to others.

It must be acknowledged, however, that by the side of acts of heroic charity there is, saving exceptions, a great lack of that genial kindness which shows itself to equals in any trouble by many little friendly attentions in England and America—the "cup of cold water" of the gospel.

The Fife.

It is said by some that we owe the fife—"ear piercing," as Shakespeare calls it—to the Swiss, and Sir James Turner, who busied himself in writing on military matters, names it the "Allemaine whistle." In France it was employed at least as early as 1534, in which year it was ordered by Francis I that each band of 1,000 men was to have four drums and two fifes.

A few years later in England we find "drommes and ffyffes" included in the muster of London citizens. Shakespeare refers to the musician, not the instrument, when he speaks in the "Merchant of Venice" of "the vile squealing of the wry necked fife." An old writer observes, indeed, that a "fyfe is a wry-neckt musician, for he looks away from his instrument." About the reign of James II the fife lost its popularity for a time, Sir James Turner observing, "With us any captain may keep a fifer in his company and maintain him, too, for no pay is allowed him—perhaps just as much as he deserveth."—Chambers' Journal.

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Many old soldiers now feel the effects of the hard service they endured during the war. Mr Geo. S. Anderson, of Rossville, York county, Penn., who saw the hardest kind of service at the front, is now frequently troubled with rheumatism. "I had a severe attack lately," he says, "and procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It did so much good that I would like to know what you would charge me for one dozen bottles." Mr. Anderson wanted it both for his own use and to supply it to his friends and neigbors, as every family should have a bottle of it in their home, not only for rheumatism, but lame back, sprains, swellings, cuts, bruises and burns, for which it is unequalled. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY. †

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Wawling, Wouling, Caterwauling.

The word "wawling" and its variants "wewling" and "wowling" are fairly common in modern folk speech. Up here in Northumberland we have it "wowling;" in Bucks and Oxon I have heard both "wawling" and "wowling" applied to the plaintive or wailing cry of little children. When the "English Dialect Dictionary" extends to "W," Professor Wright will no doubt show the range and nuances of the term, as he has already done with "bell" and "belling." Shakespeare makes use of "wawl" once at least. See "Lear," IV., vi., in which the aged king tells Gloster:

Thou know'st the first time that we smell the air
We wawl and cry.

—Notes and Queries.

Some Descriptive Writing.

They were beaten, hopelessly beaten. Fate, cruel fate, had decreed for them a death as early as it was ignominious. Without so much as a word, a sigh, a whisper of agony or a breath of resistance they had been consigned to their doom. Even now, naught left of them but the pale white of despair, were they being poured over the lemon meringue pie. They were beaten, hopelessly beaten. It is eggs that we are talking about.—New York World.

Under Difficulties.

"Boys, if you don't stop that racket in there I'll thrash you till you can't stand! Don't you see I'm trying to write?"

"What are you writing, papa?"

But papa didn't answer. He was evolving an article on "Irritability. Our National Foible," for one of the magazines —Chicago Tribune.

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BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6¾
Standard		@	7¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔		@	8
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6½	@	7¼
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	6½	@	7
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	6¾
BARRELS-Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each		@	1 30
New City, each		@	1 30
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	18	@	25
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks		@	58
Virginia Meal		@	53
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle	80	@	85
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream		@	11
State	10½	@	12
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	12	@	16
Rio	8	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5¾
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen		@	11
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl.	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl.	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel		@	3 50
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
" Extra	4 25	@	4 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—			
Low grade		@	5 00
Choice		@	4 50
Straight		@	6 65
First Patent		@	7 00
GLUE—℔ ℔	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White		@	56
Car load, in bags—White		@	55
Oats, from store		@	42½
Oats, Rust Proof		@	45
Cow Peas		@	85
HIDES—℔ ℔—			
Green		@	8
Dry		@	19
HAY, ℔ 100 ℔s—			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	90
Western		@	90
North River		@	85
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1½	@	2
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	6	@	8
North Carolina	6	@	10½
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	26
Barbadoes in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		@	27
Porto Rico, in barrels		@	28
Sugar-House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar-House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	12	@	15
NAILS ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	1 40	@	1 50
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	11 50	@	12 50
Rump		@	12 00
Prime		@	11 50
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool		@	70
Lisbon		@	
American		@	70
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@	85
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 80	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	3 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd	5½	@	5¾
Standard A		@	5¼
White Extra C		@	5
Extra C, Golden		@	4¾
C Yellow		@	4¾
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	5 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	6 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	3 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed			
℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	5 00
6x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 00
6x24 Heart	6 00	@	6 50
" Sap	5 00	@	5 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	6
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon—Northern	1 50	@	2 50
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 01
WOOL ℔ ℔—Unwashed	8	@	15

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, May 18.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Market steady at 26½ cents per gallon for machine-made casks and 26 cents for country casks.

ROSIN.—Market dull at 95c per bbl for Strained and $1.05 for Good Strained

TAR—Market steady at $1.10 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market steady at $1.25 per barrel for Hard, $1.80 for Dip, and $1.90 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine, steady, 25¼, 24¾c; rosin nothing doing, 1.25, $1.30 bid; tar firm, $1.05; crude turpentine steady, $1.20, $1.80, $1.90.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	91
Rosin	129
Tar	62
Crude turpentine	8

Receipts same day last year—71 casks spirits turpentine, 79 bbls rosin, 121 bbls tar,

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Ten years ago a French expedition was sent into the western Sudan to occupy a new region and build a fort at Siguiri, where the Tangisso river joins the Niger. One day they came to Kokoro river, which could not be forded, and there were no native canoes to carry them across. The whites sat down on the bank to talk the problem over. Pontoons made from felled trees and other schemes were discussed. At last one of them said:

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GOD'S LITTLE GIRL.

She left her home in the starry ways
And reached our arms in the April days.
We thought to keep her and hold her here,
And our little girl we called the dear.

One pleasant eve when the sun had dipped
Out of sight, and the stars had slipped
Silently back to their wonted ways,
She turned her face with a wistful gaze

Up to the blue of the arching skies.
We knew by the look in her pretty eyes
And the smile that brightened her small face so
It was time for God's little girl to go.

A kiss we dropped on her curly head.
"Sweet little heart, goodby!" we said.
Then unafraid, though the way was dim,
God's little girl went back to him.
—Bertha G. Davis in Independent.

BUYING A HORSE.

Points That Should Be Carefully Noted In Making a Selection.

The greatest strength of a horse is limited by his worst point, and it is wrong in principle to buy a horse because he possesses one or more desirable qualities.

A horse should be rejected for one bad fault, while, if an attractive horse is rejected on account of bad points and a plain one secured, there is the satisfaction of knowing that a horse with no bad qualities is at least a serviceable animal.

In selecting a horse always stand behind him as he walks away. This is the surest way of ascertaining whether his action is true and straight.

In judging of the height and size by sight be sure that the animal stands on a level with yourself. Let him go away from you, and as he goes observe him closely from behind. Then as he is turned round let him come to you while you watch his movements. Then stand on one side and observe him closely. From these observations you can draw your own conclusions, taking into consideration the following points:

You do not want a horse with a big, coarse head, nor with a small, sunken eye, nor with a long, slack back or a hollow back. Such an animal cannot carry weight. A horse with flat sides or with flat loins is usually a bad feeder.

Reject a horse with a short, thick neck, as usually with a clumsy neck the head is badly set on.

Reject a horse with low withers or that is very short.

A horse with a narrow or shallow chest has not sufficient capacity for his lungs; neither has one whose fore legs stand close together.

A horse whose fore legs are not straight will lack endurance.

A horse that is light immediately below the knee is weak.

Short pasterns make a horse unpleasant to ride, while one with long pasterns is more subject to sprains.

A horse whose fetlocks turn in is apt to cut or brush.

A horse whose hind legs are too far behind will lack in propelling power, as will also one that shows much daylight between his thighs.

Medium sized feet are best. A horse with very small or very large feet should be rejected.

Reject a horse that is straight in the shoulder and long from the point of the shoulder to the upper part of the forearm.

Reject a horse that crosses his legs in walking or trotting. He will be unsafe.

A good, sloping shoulder is an important item in a riding horse.

Freedom, power to move along easily is quite an item in a young horse. Action should always be light, easy, free and straight.

Always reject a horse that does not walk well. In nearly all cases a horse that walks well will trot well, but a horse may trot well and yet be a poor walker.—St. Louis Republic.

What Mike Had.

"An how is Moike, Mrs. McGill," inquired one of the lady neighbors. "Pore b'y, phwat does the docther say to his loongs?"

"He says there's niver a thing the matter wid Moike's loongs now," replied Mrs. McGill, "but he ain't denyin they've got the laste mite av a tindincy."

"Wurra, wurra, an is that so," exclaimed the neighbor dolefully, and then after a short pause she asked deferentially, "an phwat is a tindincy, Mrs. McGill, dear?"

"A tindincy," responded Mrs. McGill with solemnity, "is a thing that ain't to be shpake av loightly. It's where what ain't so alriddy is loikely to come on ye unbeknownst at anny minut."

"Pore Moike, pore b'y," ejaculated the visitor with a dubious shake of her head, and she departed to spread the news of Moike's mysterious ailment.—New York Journal.

The smallest diocese in the world is said to be that of St. Helena. The bishop, Dr. Welby, receives a salary of $900 and oversees three clergymen. Still he has the title of bishop, which is as sweet as the grapes of Eseol to an aspiring church of England clergyman.

HAM COOKED IN A HAY BOX.

The Danish Housewife's Plan and Its Delicious Results Told by a Traveler.

"Talk about your turkey stuffed with Eye-talian chestnuts or Lynn Haven oysters, all you want to," said the transplanted southern colonel, "but I say give me a thin slice of southern ham cooked as they cook it in Virginia or South Carolina and you can keep all of your stuffed birds."

"I used to think that you southern people knew how to cure and cook hams, too, until I went to Denmark," answered the returned traveler, "but, bless your soul, your southern ham tastes as tame and flat by the side of Denmark ham as northern ham does compared with southern. Of course a ham has got to be good and properly cured at the start, but the biggest part of a sweet, juicy, tasty ham lies in the cooking. Now I've been in 17 countries and I have never tasted such ham as I got in Denmark. 'The nearer the bone the sweeter the meat' cannot often be applied to a ham that you strike in this country, because half the time the meat is about half cooked when you get toward the bone. Now, in Denmark you might carve a hundred hams a day and each one would be done through and through, and yet they are only allowed to come to a boil."

"Why, how can they be done, then?" asked the transplanted southern colonel's transplanted wife. "Ham is a thing that should be boiled for hours and hours over a hot fire. Now, in South Carolina, where I was born, and in Virginia, where the colonel was born, we always put a ham on right after breakfast when we want it ready for a midday dinner, and, furthermore, the cook keeps a little nigger busy keeping up the fire all the time the ham is on the stove. Ham isn't ham if it isn't well boiled before it is baked."

"That's where you and the people in Denmark disagree," remarked the returned traveler. "They say emphatically that ham to be thoroughly cooked should not be boiled. How do they cook it? In a hay box. What is a hay box? Hay boxes are used a great deal in Denmark. A hay box is an ordinary wooden box with a lining of hay about a foot thick. The hay is covered with cheesecloth to keep it in place and for durability. Of course, your hay box can be of any size, but the vessel must fit in it closely. But that is getting ahead of my story.

"When a Danish housewife wishes to cook a ham, she prepares it properly about dark and puts it into a pot of cold water, which she places over the fire. As soon as the water comes to a hard boil she lifts the pot from the fire and puts it into a hay box, carefully covering the top of the box with a close fitting lid. When she gets up in the morning, the ham is thoroughly cooked to the bone. Will the water boil in the hay box? Oh, no! But it keeps at the same temperature all night, and an even temperature is the secret of perfect cooking. The water is just as hot when she gets up in the morning as when she goes to bed at night. The ham is done, and she doesn't have to worry her head as to whether it will be done to the bone by dinner time, and, best of all, she never has to send it to the kitchen to be cooked over. A ham cooked in this way retains all the juice and sweetness and fairly makes your mouth water to think about it.

"Those Danish hay boxes, Mme. Colonel," he went on, "are great things. Such a thing as running water is unknown in the houses of Denmark, but, by George, the people over there seem to be more flush with hot water than we are with all our boilers, coal ranges and miles of hot water pipes. In the cupboard of the washstand in every bedroom or in the closet is a hay box, and at every hour in the day or night you can find a vessel of steaming water there. A little enough thing in itself, eh? But it's the little things that make life livable, isn't it? Yes, you people down south know how to cure and cook hams, and you know how to do it well, but you yourselves would own that you are mere novices at the business if you once got a taste of a Danish ham cooked overnight in a hay box."—New York Sun.

How "Titus" Was Written.

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"While writing 'Titus' I forgot all about the possibility of its being a success or failure; only I grew to love the story. And yet it came to me in an odd way. The hours were so filled up that I seemed to have no time to think, but I have always been in the habit of waking early, and when the sun was just rising those lovely summer mornings it seemed as though the story of 'Titus' came to me in a dream and as if I were compelled to write it."

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He built an opera house on the north side of the square and lighted it with tallow candles. He said he did that because if he put in lamps they might "explore," and the "ordnance" would get excited and "jump right out of the windows." The roller to the drop curtain was hollow and had about a pint of bullets in it, which rattled furiously whenever the curtain went up or down. He said that was because he wanted it different from other theaters. The stage was about six inches higher at the back than at the front, so he could see the actors' feet when they danced. Performers unacquainted with his stage had trouble to keep from sliding off into the orchestra.

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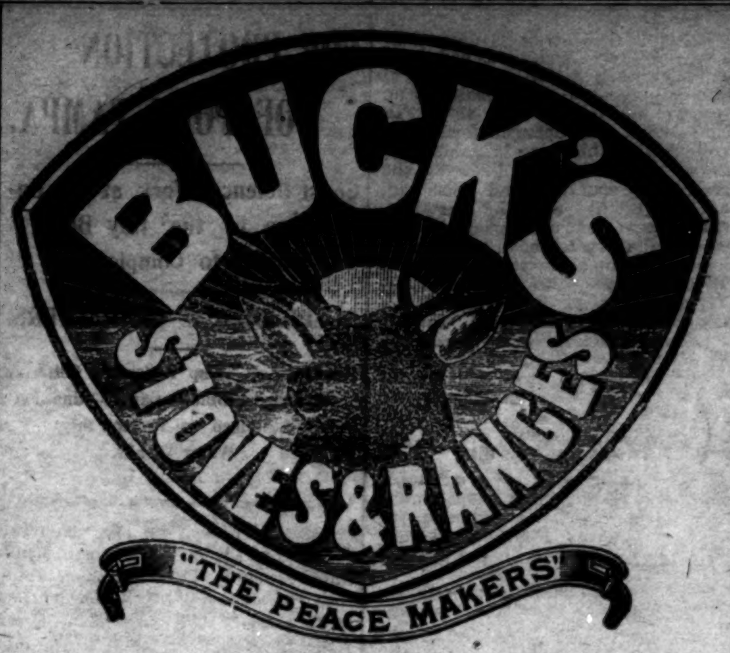

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Train 41—Leaves Portsmouth 9:20 a. m., leaves Weldon 11:55 a. m., Raleigh 3:40 p. m., Sanford 5:05 p. m., Hamlet 6:56 p. m., Athens 3:43 a. m., and Atlanta 5:20 a. m.

Train 403—Leaves Washington 4:40 p. m., Richmond 8:56 p. m., Portsmouth 8:45 p. m. leaves Weldon 11:28 p. m., Raleigh 2:16 a. m., Sanford 3:33 a. m., Hamlet 5:07 a. m., Rockingham 5:23 a. m., Wadesboro 5:53 a. m., Monroe 6:43 a. m., Charlotte 7:50 a. m., Lincolnton 10:20 a. m., Shelby 11:18 a. m., Rutherfordton 12:30 noon, Athens 1:13 p. m., Atlanta 2:50 p. m.

Train 38—Leaves Atlanta 7:50 p. m., Athens 11:19 p. m., Monroe 6:05 a. m. Leaves Charlotte 7:50 a. m., Monroe 5:55 a. m., Wadesboro 7:01 a. m., Hamlet 8:00 a. m., Raleigh 11:25 a. m., Weldon 2:45 p. m.; arrive Portsmouth 5:20 p. m.

Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 8:15 a. m. Arrives Laurinburg 8:46 a. m., Maxton 9.05 a. m., Pembroke 9:31 a. m., Lumberton 9:53 a. m., Wilmington 12.05 noon.

Train 402—Leaves Atlanta 12:00 m. leaves Athens 3:13 p. m., Monroe 9:40 p. m. Leaves Rutherfordton 4:35 p. m., arrives Shelby 5:55 p. m., Lincolnton 6:56 p. m., Charlotte 10:25 p. m., Monroe 9:40 p. m., Wadesboro 10:31 p. m., Rockingham 11:15 p. m., Hamlet 11:15 p. m., Sanford 1:03 a. m., Raleigh 2:16 a. m., Weldon 4:55 a. m., Portsmouth 7:25 a. m., Richmond 8:20 a. m., Washington 12:31 noon.

Train 18—Leaves Hamlet 7:15 p. m., arrives Gibson 8:10 p. m. Returning, leaves Gibson 7:00 a. m., arrives Hamlet 7:50 a. m.

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Arrive Fayetteville	10 55 P. M.
Leave Fayetteville	11 08 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	11 12 "
Leave Sanford	12 32 P. M.
Leave Climax	2 29 "
Arrive Greensboro	3 00 "
Leave Greensboro	3 10 "
Leave Stokesdale	3 58 "
Leave Walnut Cove	4 29 "
Leave Rural Hall	4 57 "
Arrive Mt. Airy	6 25 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 1 DAILY.
Leave Mt. Airy	8 40 A. M.
Leave Rural Hall	10 04 "
Leave Walnut Cove	10 33 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 06 "
Arrive Greensboro	11 55 "
Leave Greensboro	12 13 P. M
Leave Climax	12 43 "
Leave Sanford	2 35 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	3 50 "
Arrive Fayetteville	3 53 "
Leave Fayetteville	4 05 "
Arrive Wilmington	7 10 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 4. DAILY.
Leave Bennettsville	7 55 A. M.
Arrive Maxton	9 03 "
Leave Maxton	9 07 "
Leave Red Springs	9 35 "
Leave Hope Mills	10 20 "
Arrive Fayetteville	10 40 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 3. DAILY.
Leave Fayetteville	4 27 P. M.
Leave Hope Mills	4 48 "
Leave Red Springs	5 37 "
Arrive Maxton	6 12 "
Leave Maxton	6 17 "
Arrive Bennettsville	7 20 "

NORTH BOUND.	No 16. Mixed Daily Ex Sunday.
Leave Ramseur	6 40 A. M.
Leave Climax	8 30 "
Arrive Greensboro	9 17 "
Leave Greensboro	9 35 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 15. Mixed Daily Ex Sunday
Leave Madison	12 30 P. M
Leave Stokesdale	1 15 "
Arrive Greensboro	2 30 "
Leave Greensboro	3 00 "
Leave Climax	3 50 "
Arrive Ramseur	5 30 "

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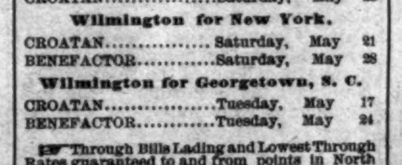

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DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND

DAILY 9.35 A. M. — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 10.46 a. m., Warsaw 11.14 a. m., Goldsboro 12:08 a. m., Wilson 12:49 p. m., Rocky Mount 1:30 p. m., Tarboro 2:31 p. m., Weldon 3.25 p. m., Petersburg 5.34 p. m., Richmond 6:40 p. m., Norfolk 5.55 p. m., Washington 11:30 p. m., Baltimore 1:03 a. m., Philadelphia 3:50 a. m., New York 6:53 a. m., †Boston 3:00 p. m.

DAILY 7.15 P. M. — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8:55 p. m., Warsaw 9:10 p. m., Goldsboro 10:10 p. m., Wilson 11.06 p. m., †Tarboro 6:45 a. m., Rocky Mount 11:57 p. m., Weldon 1:48 a. m., †Norfolk 10:15 a. m., Petersburg 3:14 a. m., Richmond 4 a. m., Washington 7:41 a. m., Baltimore 9:02 a. m., Philadelphia 11:25 a. m., New York 2.03 p. m., Boston 9:00 p. m.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4:13 p. m., Newbern 5:40 p. m.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 3.45 P. M. — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4:56 p. m., Chadbourn 5:28 p. m., Marion 6:34 p. m., Florence 7:15 p. m., Sumter 9:23 p. m., Columbia 10:50 p. m., Denmark 6:12 a. m., Augusta 7:55 a. m., Macon 11:15 a. m., Atlanta 12:35 p. m., Charleston 10:50 p. m., Savannah 1:50 a. m., Jacksonville 7:30 a. m., St. Augustine 10:30 a. m., Tampa 6:05 p. m.

ARRIALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.40 P. M. — No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1:03 p. m., *New York 9:00 p. m., Philadelphia 12:05 a. m., Baltimore 2:50 a. m., Washington 4:30 a. m., Richmond 9:05 a. m., Petersburg 10:00 a. m., Norfolk 9:10 a. m., Weldon 11:50 a. m., Tarboro 12:09 p. m., Rocky Mount 1:10 p. m., Wilson 2:20 p. m., Goldsboro 3:05 p. m., Warsaw 2:59 p. m., Magnolia 4.12 p. m.

DAILY 9.30 A. M. — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9:30 a. m., Philadelphia 12:09 p. m., Baltimore 2:25 p. m., Washington 3:46 p. m., Richmond 7:30 p. m., Petersburg 8:12 p. m., †Norfolk 2:20 p. m., Weldon 9:43 p. m., †Tarboro 6:00 p m., Rocky Mount 5:40 a. m. Leave Wilson 6:22 a. m., Goldsboro 7:01 a. m., Warsaw 7.53 a. m., Magnolia 8:05 a. m.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9:00 a. m., Jacksonville 10:26 a. m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 12.20 P. M. — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8:10 a. m., Sanford 3:07 p. m., Jacksonville 8:00 p. m., Savannah 1:45 a. m., Charleston 6:33 a. m., Columbia 5.45 a. m., Atlanta 7:50 a. m., Macon 9:00 a. m., Augusta 2:30 p. m., Denmark 4:17 p. m., Sumter 6:06 a. m., Florence 8:55 a. m., Marion 9:34 a. m., Chadbourn 10:30 a m., Lake Waccamaw 11:09 p. m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 4:15 p. m., Halifax 4:30 p. m.; arrive Scotland Neck 5:20 p. m., Greenville 6:57 p. m., Kinston 7:55 p. m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7:50 a. m., Greenville 8:52 a. m.; arriving Halifax at 11:18 a. m., Weldon 11:33 a. m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8:20 a. m. and 2:30 p. m.; arrive Parmele 9:10 a. m. and 4:00 p. m.; returning leaves Parmele 9:35 a. m. and 6.30 p. m.; arrives Washington 11:00 a. m. and 7:20 p. m. Daily except Sunday

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5:30 p. m.; Sunday, 4:15 p. m.; arrives Plymouth 7:40 p. m. and 6:10 p. m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7:50 a. m. and Sunday 9:00 a. m.; arrive Tarboro 10:05 a. m. and 11:00 a. m

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7:10 a. m.; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 8:30 a. m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9:00 a. m.; arrive Goldsboro 10:25 a. m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p. m.; arrives Nashville 5.05 p. m., Spring Hope 5.30 p. m. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 8.00 a. m., Nashville 8.35 a. m.; arrive Rocky Mount 9.05 a. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, daily except Sunday, at 8.10 a. m. and 4.15 p. m. Returning, leave Clinton at 7.00 a. m. and 10.00 p. m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 9.06 a. m., arrive Latta 9.24 a. m., Dillon 9.35 a. m., Rowland 9.50 a. m. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.00 p. m.; arrives Dillon 6.20 p. m., Latta 6.35 p. m., Pee Dee 7.00 p. m., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 9:25 a. m., Chadbourn 10:43 a. m.; arrive Conway 12:40 p. m.; leave Conway 2:45 p. m., Chadbourn 5:30 p. m.; arrive Hub 6:10 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6:05 p. m., Manning 6:35 p. m.; arrive Lane's 7:13 p. m.; leave Lane's 8:34 a. m., Manning 9:08 a. m.; arrive Sumter 9:37 a. m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 9:30 a. m., 7:40 p. m.; arrive Georgetown 12:00 m., 9:00 p. m.; leave Georgetown 7:00 a. m., 3:30 p. m.; arrive Lane's 8:25 a. m.; 5:55 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

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Leave Gibson daily except Sunday at 6:25 a. m., Bennettsville 6:49 a. m.; arrive Darlington 7:40 a. m. Leave Darlington 7:45 a. m.; arrive Florence 8:10 a. m. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 3:00 p. m., Cheraw 5:15 p. m., Hartsville 2:15 a. m., Darlington 6.29 a. m.; arrive Florence 7:00 p. m.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2:17 p. m., 11:13 p. m.; arrive Selma 2.50 p. m., 11:58 p. m., Smithfield 3:02 p. m., Dunn 3:30 p. m., Fayetteville 4:25 p. m., 1:07 a. m., Rowland 6:00 p. m.; returning leave Rowland 9.50 a. m. Fayetteville 11:10 p. m., 10:35 p. m., Dunn 11:50 p. m., Smithfield 12:28 p. m., Selma 12:35 p. m. and 1:44 p. m., arrive Wilson 1:17 p. m., 12:19 a. m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad trains leave Sumter 4:29 a. m., Creston 5:17 a. m.; arrive Denmark 6:12 a. m. Returning leave Denmark 4:17 p. m., Creston 5:13 p. m., Sumter 6:33 p. m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5:45 a. m.; arrive Pregnalls 9:15 a. m. Returning, leaves Pregnalls 10:00 a. m.; arrives Creston 3:50 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliot 11:10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; arrive Lucknow 1:00 p. m and 8:30 p. m. Returning, leave Lucknow 6:05 a. m. and 2:00 p. m.; arrive Elliot 8:25 a. m. and 3:30 p. m.

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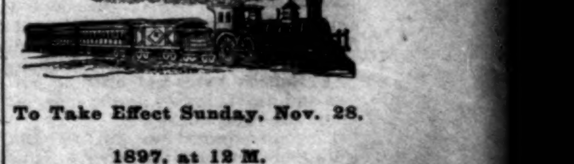

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THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 19, 1898

WAR REVENUE MEASURE.

Continuation of Debate in the Senate. Senator Turpie Contends a Bond Issue is Unnecessary.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The feature of to-day's session of the Senate was the speech of Senator Turpie, Democrat, Indiana, upon the war revenue measure. He strongly contended that a bond issue was unnecessary; that all the funds required for the prosecution of the war could be raised through the proposed inheritance tax, by the tax on corporations, by the coinage of the silver seigniorage and by the issue of legal tender notes. These four means of obtaining money would yield to the government during the next year, he maintained, fully $300,000,000, an amount in excess of the estimated sum necessary for the conduct of the war. The speech was characteristically beautiful in diction, and close and forceful in reasoning. Senators on both sides of the chamber gave it undivided attention.

Considerable progress was made in the reading of the bill, which included, naturally, the consideration of the amendments proposed by the committee. Through the influence of Senato Gorman of Maryland, Democrat, the imprisonment penalty was stricken out of some of the sections relating to violation of the stamp tax.

After an extended debate, part of which occurred in secret legislative session, the conference report on the bill suspending certain parts of the existing law relating to the purchase of supplies by the War Department was adopted. The bill permitting officers of the regular army to accept staff appointments in the volunteer army without losing their rank or place in the regular service, was passed.

At 5 o'clock the Senate went into executive session and at 5.15 o'clock adjourned.

House of Representatives.

The House adjourned to-day after a session lasting only an hour and a half. An ineffectual effort was made to pass a bill prohibiting the publication of information concerning the strength of the country's fortifications. Without a word of debate the Deficiency Pension bill, carrying $8,070,872, was passed.

At 1.32 P. M. the House adjourned.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

Sympathy of the British Wesleyan Church for America in the War With Spain.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, MD., May 18.—A wave of patriotism swept over the General Conference of the M. E. Church South at to-day's session. Rev. W. T. Davison, fraternal delegate from the British Wesleyan Church, in the course of his address said:

"When I landed on your shores a few weeks ago war had been declared between your country and Spain. I want to express on behalf of the church I represent and the country from which I come, the strong sympathy we have for you in the present crisis in your national history. It is not necessary for me to say that England is entirely on your side in this war. Our nation can appreciate more perhaps than some other nations the righteousness of your cause. The barbarities in Cuba too long outraged human feeling in this country, and you were at last driven to trust the issues of the matter to the arbitrament of war. We appreciate the lofty nature of your motives. We are assured that only the claims of the highest humanity force you reluctantly into this struggle.

"We congratulate you on the splendid victory at Manila, (great applause) and I may say, also, that we have no fears as to the final outcome of the war.

"Although war is an evil thing in itself, it is probable that good will come out of this struggle. I think it may be an epoch-making war with you, and there may be several things for your country to learn from it. It may be that out of it will come a larger sense of your responsibility abroad among other nations. But, whatever else comes from it, I sincerely trust that it will result in binding together in still closer fellowship our two nations."

At the close of his remarks, delegates and spectators arose as one man and vociferously cheered and applauded the happy hits made by the English divine.

SPANISH WARSHIPS.

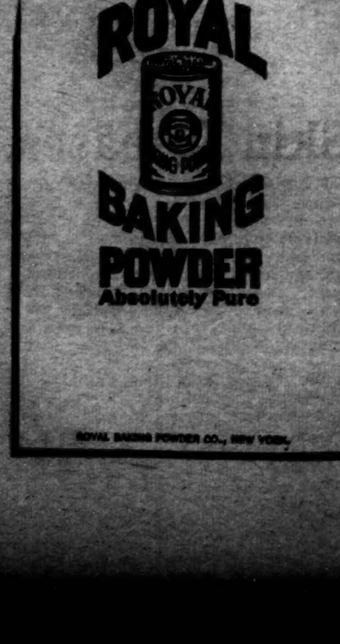
Eleven Thousand Troops to Sail for the Philippines.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

GIBRALTAR, May 18.—The first-class battleship Pelayo, the armored cruisers Emperador, Carlos V., Alfonso XII., Victoria, and Giralda, the auxiliary cruisers Rapido, Alfonso XII., Buenos Ayres and Antonio Lopez, and three torpedo boats, now at Cadiz, are ready for sea.

They are expected to sail for the Philippines before the end of this month with 11,000 troops.

W. G. Esson, for twenty-one years county auditor and a man of 72, of Charleston, S. C., committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart. Some time ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis and it is believed that it had affected his mind.



BOMBARDMENT OF SAN JUAN.

Detailed Account of the Affair Between Sampson's Fleet and the Spanish.

SLIGHT DAMAGE TO SHIPS.

The North End of Morro Castle Demolished—Cabras Island Fort Silenced. San Carlos Battery Damaged. No Shots Fired at the City.

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On Board Associated Press Dispatch Boat Dauntless, KEY WEST, May 18.—The Dauntless, dispatch boat of the Associated Press, arrived here this morning and brought the first detailed account of the bombardment of San Juan de Porto Rico, by a portion of the fleet under the command of Rear Admiral Sampson on May 12th last.

The American warships sustained only trivial injury and lost only one man killed. After the engagement the north end of Morro Castle was in ruins, the Cabras island fort was silenced, and the San Carlos battery was damaged. No shots were aimed at the city and it is not known whether any damage was done there. Spaniards at St. Thomas claim that a school house was struck and that the master and his pupils were killed, but this is not believed to be true, as the bombardment took place early in the morning and the school children are not likely to have been in the building at the time.

The plans of the fortifications furnished to the fleet were very misleading. It is known that the Spanish forts had recently been strengthened with new guns: but other facts developed which showed miscalculations were made by those who drew up the plans. Refugees in St. Thomas told the correspondents who touched there after the engagement, that the Spaniards thought the forts at San Juan were stronger than the forts of Havana.

The United States fleet left Key West on May 3d, to "intercept and destroy" the Spanish fleet, which had left the Cape Verde islands. This was the only information the Navy Department and Admiral Sampson had on the subject. Our warships proceeded slowly eastward, and on May 8th were off Cape Haytien, republic of Hayti. Attempts were made to obtain information regarding the whereabouts of the Spaniards, but no definite knowledge was obtained.

Early on the morning of May 12th Rear Admiral Sampson's ships approached San Juan, the American consul at Cape Haytien having informed the Admiral that thirteen Spanish warships had been seen heading for Porto Rico.

The city of San Juan is situated in a long narrow pocket. A tongue of highland separates it from the ocean. The entrance of the harbor is easily defended and the same can be said of the headlands of loftly Cabras island which lies in the throat of the passage. These islands have been fortified by the Spaniards, but they did not prove in any way dangerous to our warships. San Juan is on the ocean side of the bay and in the rear of the town rise high hills. To reach the city ships must pass the Morro Castle fortifications and the battery of San Carlos, situated on a promontory at the east entrance of the harbor. Beside, they must pass the Canuelo battery, on Cabras island.

The attack on the forts was planned so that our warships could be in a position to meet the Spanish vessels should they emerge from the harbor.

Admiral Sampson's order of attack directed the Detroit and Wampatuck to move ahead and continue sounding, while the fleet was near the shore. The line of battle was as follows: The Iowa, flagship; Indiana, New York, Amphitrite and Terror. The Montgomery was directed to remain in the rear of the column, stopping outside of the fire from Morro and on the lookout for torpedo-boat destroyers. If Fort Canuelo fired she was to silence it.

There were two objects of attack, the batteries on the Morro and the Spanish fleet; the principal point being to destroy the ships; sharp watch was to be kept for torpedo-boat destroyers.

The fleet assembled off San Juan about 3 o'clock on Thursday last and prepared for battle, stripping the decks and getting the guns, ammunition and appliances for handling the wounded ready. Rear Admiral Sampson had transferred his flag to the Iowa, and the attack on the forts began at 5.15 o'clock and lasted three hours. Although it was known at San Juan that the American fleet was near, the Spaniards apparently kept no lookout. The soldiers in the forts and the people in the town were fast asleep when our warships approached.

The plan of the Admiral was thoroughly carried out. The fleet steamed into the harbor and opened a tremendous fire on the fortifications. Three times the warships made the circuit outlined in the official plan. The forts withstood the first round, but the Montgomery, from her station, near Fort Canuelo on Cabras island, wrought complete destruction. With glasses the officers of the Montgomery could see the occupants of the fort jumping over the walls and running away.

The Detroit which went nearest the Morro, had to train her guns at a high angle. Her shots, directed at the north side of the Morro cut deep furrows in the face of the fortifications. The Iowa, leading the fleet, delivered her deadly missiles with great accuracy upon Morro's northern walls. The rest of the fleet, fired in order, first on Morro and then on San Carlos, according to position.

Poor Gunnery.

On the second round the Spanish gunners were thoroughly awakened and stood by their guns bravely, keeping up a furious but aimless fire. From their firm foundation and high elevation they had a splendid opportunity to cripple our fleet, but the Spanish gunners seemed to fire regardless of aim and as only desirous of emptying their magazines. From the Associated Press dispatch boat we could see the American shells fall among the forts and among the troops of the garrison, raising clouds of dust and causing fires to break out.

It was hoped the Spanish fleet would emerge from the harbor as soon as the firing began, and a feeling of deep disappointment spread through the fleet when the lookouts reported that the harbor was clear.

The Monitor Terror.

At the end of the third round the monitor Terror failed to understand the order to withdraw and engaged Morro Castle alone for half an hour.

As seen from the dispatch boat of the Associated Press, which occupied a grand stand position, the squatty little monitor, in tackling the towering fort, was making a magnificent display of daring. The Terror moved in as if intending to ram the forts, and the Spanish gunners became greatly excited at her behavior, for they fired rapidly and without aim. The Terror was not touched.

The scene was intensely interesting, but it was not so exciting as had been expected. The Spanish aim was so astoundingly bad that absolutely no anxiety was felt for our ships. In fact, when the Spanish forts fired volleys which hid them in smoke, followed a few seconds later by the guyser-like spouting and splashing, not dangerously near the Terror, derisive cheers went up from the colored crew of the dispatch boat, standing in her bow. The heavy swells somewhat affected the aim of the gunners of the Terror, for some of her shells struck the sea in front of the forts. Finally the Terror seemingly grew tired, and slowly withdrew, firing as she steamed away. Then the Spaniards became almost frantic with excitement and blazed away at the monitor until she was long out of range.

American Ships Hit.

On board the Iowa, a boat was struck and caught fire an exhaust pipe dented, the bridge railing was shattered and three men were slightly wounded. All this was done by the solitary shell which struck the Iowa.

One shell which exploded on the New York killed a man, wounded four others, shattered two search lights, splintered a cutter, tore three holes in a ventilator and broke a small davit-arm. Pieces of this shell were gathered up for souvenirs, but there were not enough to go around. The New York was hit only once.

When the dispatch boat of the Associated Press left San Juan for the island of St. Thomas with the dispatch describing the engagement, the fleet was preparing to bury the dead. In addition to the man killed on board the New York, a gunner's mate on the monitor Amphitrite died from the effects of the heat. Of the New York's four wounded men only two were seriously enough hurt to call for their transfer to the hospital ship Solace, which subsequently joined the fleet. The New York fired 250 shots, it is said, during the bombardment.

People Take to the Woods.

The cable operator at San Juan cable to the operator at St. Thomas, early on the morning of the 12th, announcing that a vigorous bombardment of the capital of Porto Rico was in progress, announcing that he was going to take to the woods. It is thought probable that most of the inhabitants of the place followed his example and fled from the city soon after they were awakened by the Iowa's first broadside.

The only vessel of a foreign power at San Juan during the bombardment was the small French cruiser Rigault de Genouilly. She had her rigging cut by pieces of shell. After the bombardment the Frenchman left for the island of St. Thomas, where her commander told Captain Converse, of the Montgomery, that the American operations were entirely justifiable. It is understood, however, that the French officers, in conversation with other people, criticised the wisdom of the bombardment.

THE BATTLESHIP ALABAMA.

Successfully Launched at Cramp's Shipyard—Can be Made Ready for Commission in a Year.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PHILADELPHIA, May 18.—Battleship Alabama was successfully launched at Cramp's shipyard at 12:50 to-day.

There was not a hitch of any sort to mark the success of the launching. Miss. Mary E. Morgan, daughter of Senator Morgan, of Alabama, named the ship for her native State. The weather was beautiful, but only a few persons witnessed the ceremony, fear of Spanish treachery keeping the gates of the shipyard closed agains all except about two hundred invitedt guests and newspaper men. The ship can be made ready for the commission in a year if the armor is delivered promptly.

The Alabama is the first to be launched of the three new battleships of her type, the other two being the Illinois and Wisconsin. She presents marked divergencies of design from the first three, the Oregon, Indiana and Massachusetts. These differences involve both the arrangement of the battery and the disposition of the armor, as well as a considerable increase in size of displacement. The 8-inch guns of the Indiana type are done away with entirely; the main battery of the Alabama type consisting of four 13-inch guns in turrets and fourteen 6-inch rapid firing guns, of which ten are mounted on the gun-deck, eight in broadside between the turrets and two firing straight ahead forward of the fore-turret on the gun-deck. Four are mounted in a small redoubt on the casement deck, two on each side. The broadside 6-inch guns, instead of being mounted in projecting sponsons, are mounted in recess ports in order to secure extensive train forward and abaft the beam.

The general dimensions of the Alabama class are as follows: Length over all, 374 feet; breadth, 72 feet; freeboard forward, 20 feet; freeboard abaft the after turret, 13 feet 3 inches; draught, 23 feet 6 inches; displacement, 11,250 tons. The guaranteed speed is to be 16 knots and the estimated horse-power, 10,000.

The main battery has already been described. The secondary battery consists of seventeen 6-pounder rapid-fire guns, six 1-pounder rapid-fire guns and four Gatlings.

MR. GLADSTONE DEAD.

Passed Away at Five O'clock This Morning at His Residence Hawarden, England.

By Cable to the Morning Star

HAWARDEN, ENG., May 19.—Mr. Gladstone died at 5 o'clock this morning. He had been unconscious practically all day, though at times he seemed to recognize for a moment some of the watchers about him. Certainly he did recognize his wife, who was beside him all day, except when the physician prevailed upon her to rest. She tenderly clasped her husband's hand as she watched him. Apparently he slept a good deal; occasionally he uttered a few words in an incoherent, dreamy way, words which those who were watching were unable to catch. Their only consolation was that he was not suffering pain. No narcotics were administered.

Though a national funeral will probably be accepted by the family, there is little doubt that the remains of Mr. Gladstone will be laid to rest in the peaceful graveyard at Hawarden adjoining the church where he was married more than half a century ago, and it is truly a retreat sweet enough for any laborer.

The President has nominated John Gary Evans, of South Carolina, to be inspector general, with the rank of Major.

WHEN NATURE

Needs assistance it may be best to render it promptly, but one should remember to use even the most perfect remedies only when needed. The best and most simple and gentle remedy is the Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co.

FOR PROTECTION OF PORT TAMPA.

Coast Defence Work at the Entrance to the Bay Being Pushed to Completion.

SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS.

Hundreds of Camp Followers Loitering Around the Infantry Camps—Guards Stationed to Protect the Water Tanks.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

TAMPA, FLA., May 18.—General Ludlow, of the engineer corps, spent the afternoon at Port Tampa completing arrangements for the protection of the harbor. Coast defence work at Egmont and Mullet Keys, at the entrance of Tampa bay is being pushed to completion and the siege guns now here will be sent down in a few days to be mounted on the batteries.

Hundreds of camp followers are scattered around town, among the number being several suspicious characters, who have been loitering around the infantry camp. To-night a guard of sixteen men from the Seventeenth infantry was stationed in the neighborhood of the large water tank at Port Tampa.

Members of General Wade's staff are packing up their personal effects preparatory to removing to Chickamauga, where General Wade has been appointed to the command of one of the three army corps now assembling there.

One regiment of Ohio volunteers joined the troops at Lakeland to-night. Five regiments are now in camp there.

Governor Bloxham, of Florida, who is here organizing the First Florida regiment, to-day appointed Frank H. Brown, vice president of the Plant system, a member of his staff, with the rank of Colonel.

The steamship Cape Charles arrived at Port Tampa to-day from New Orleans.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., May 18.—Gen. Wade and staff reached Jacksonville this afternoon, after having made a tour of inspection along the east coast, going as far south as Miami. They remained here several hours, being met at the station by prominent citizens and driven over the city to the various points of interest. It is quite likely that the next troops sent to Florida will be placed at some point on the east coast of the State, General Wade being very favorably impressed with what he saw. It is quite certain that no more troops will be sent to Tampa at present, as that place is considered to have all that can be comfortably taken care of at present. The General and staff left on the evening train for Tampa.

BISMARCK ON THE WAR.

The Ex-Chancellor Condemns It Outright. Says an Anglo-Saxon Alliance is Improbable.

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FRIEDERICKSRUHE, May 18.—Prince Bismarck condemns the war outright. He says it is due to systematic American provocation, which finally became unbearable. He added:

"The whole course of the Washington administration has been insincere. My views are well understood. I have always held that war is only defencible after all other remedies have failed. The result of the war cannot be wholesome either to America or Europe. The United States will be forced to adopt an intermeddling policy, leading to unavoidable friction, and in order to maintain her position she must become a military and a naval power—an expensive luxury which her geographic position rendered unnecessary.

"America's change of front means retrogression in the high sense of civilization. This is the main regrettable fact about this war."

Regarding the speech made on Friday last by Joseph Chamberlain, the British secretary of state for the colonies, at Birmingham, Prince Bismarck said: "The importance thereof depends upon whether Mr. Chamberlain's private opinions are those of the British government. Closer Anglo-American relations, are doubtless feasible, but an alliance is improbable and unservicable to both. Besides, it is a mistake to call the Americans Saxons. Theirs is a mixed blood, British, Irish, German, French and Scandinavian. The Anglo-Saxon does not even predominate to-day. This dwelling on so-called race interests is nonsense in politics. Look at the Russo-French agreement and the Dreibound. Politics are not dictated by such far-fetched sentimentalities.

"Germany's duty, plainly, is to maintain her interests by carefully nursing the good neighborship of the European nations."

REPUBLIC OF MEXICO.

Troops Ordered to the Texas Frontier. President Diaz in Full Sympathy With the United States.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, May 18.—President Diaz, of Mexico, has written Governor Culberson that he has ordered Mexican troops on Texas border to render assistance and protect citizens on the Texas side if called on. He says he sent additional troops to the border with orders to co-operate with the United States troops in preventing depredations on Texas soil and has instructed them to ask the co-operation of the United States troops if necessary. He closes his letter by saying "With the hope that the good relations of true and candid friendship which for so many years have united the two republics of North America may continue, and with the purpose of cultivating them on my part, interpreting the will of this country toward yours, I subscribe myself your attentive servant and friend."

Naval officers point out that while the Cienfugos cable has been cut, cable communication between Havana and Madrid is still continued, probably though the Santiago de Cuba cable, which it is understood, was to be cut by a detached vessel of Rear Admiral Sampson's squadron.

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THE BATTLESHIP OREGON ARRIVES.

Successfully Completed Her Long Journey of More Than 13,000 Miles.

MAY JOIN SAMPSON'S FLEET.

Cruiser Charleston Started on Her Long Voyage With Supplies for Admiral Dewey—Accident to Revenue Cutter Gresham.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Secretary Long gave out the welcome information to day that the battleship Oregon, the second largest craft in the American navy, had successfully completed her long trip from San Francisco, making the entire circuit of South America, and was now safe. Whether or not she has joined Admiral Sampson's squadron the Secretary would not say. The rigid secrecy of the Navy Department was relaxed only enough to make known the best news the Navy Department has received since the battle of Manila, as it meant not only that the Oregon was out of harm's way from a concerted attack on this one ship by the whole Spanish squadron now in southern waters, but also that her great fighting strength would be added to Admiral Sampson's force in the near future, if indeed it had not already augmented the Admiral's strength. The Oregon left San Francisco about six weeks ago, before the war had opened, and at that time it was not admitted that she was to join the ships in Atlantic waters. She stopped at Callao for dispatches and then went round the Horn and then up the east coast of South America. In all the trip covered more than 13,000 miles.

War Boards Plans.

Aside from this bit of information, Secretary Long said at the close of office hours that there was no further news to be given out. Late in the day Secretary Long joined the war board, which had been in session for some hours, to participate in the discussion of their plans, which are believed to have been materially modified by the news received from the Oregon.

The cruiser Charleston which started to-day her long journey to meet Admiral Dewey at Manila should arrive there in about twenty-four days, allowing a couple of days at Honolulu for coal.

Admiral Dewey's cablegrams show that he is able to maintain the ground he has gained until reinforcements arrive in the usual course, so that the Charleston will get there in time to serve his purpose. The stock of ammunition which the Charleston carries is believed to be the great essential just now, the fierce engagement at Cavite having consumed a large part of the American admiral's shot and shell.

Singular Accident.

Some little disappointment is felt at the Navy Department at the singular accident that happened to the revenue cutter Gresham yesterday, when one section of the ship was thrown into the St. Lawrence. The immediate effect will be the loss to the navy of a very efficient little gunboat.

The Volunteers.

There was a good deal of talk at the War Department to-day of the possibility of an issue by the President of another call for volunteers, but careful inquiry tends to warrant the statement that this is at least premature, and that no further call is likely to issue until the aggregate number of soldiers already called for have responded and have been equipped for service. This last matter, the equipment of the new troops, is the main source of delay, and promises to become even worse in the future.

Exchange of Prisoners.

The news bulletin issued by the Navy Department to-day contained the following items:

An order has been issued by the department forbidding the presence of Sylvester Scovell, a newspaper correspondent, aboard vessels of the navy or at any naval station, on account his conduct in stowing himself away in the tug Uncas on the recent visit of that vessel to Havana, he having been refused permission to go as a passenger.

Negotiations are in progress for the exchange of Thrall and Jones, newspaper correspondents, for Col. Cortijo and military surgeon Julian, now prisoners of war in the United States.

Cutting Cables.

The department also made public an abstract of the mail report of Captain McCalla, commander of the Marblehead, describing the cutting of the cables in Cienfuegos bay last Wednesday. The main facts had been sent out in the report already made by telegraph, but a few new interesting details are included in the abstract, which is as follows:

At the recent action off Cienfuegos, Lieutenant Southerland commanded the Eagle, Lieutenant Winslow the steam launch, and sailing launches from the Nashville and Marblehead, with Lieutenant E. A. Anderson second in command. There were four boats used and their orders were to drag for and cut the cables off Cienfuegos under the protection of the guns of the Nashville and Marblehead. An infantry and cavalry force posted about the cable house was first driven from their position by the guns of the Nashville and Marblehead. The four launches then dragged for and succeeded in catching the cables. The cable house was destroyed by the guns. A small inshore cable was found, but an infantry force with a maxim gun with a distance of only 150 yards, kept up such a hot fire as to prevent this cable being grappled, particularly as the enemy had retreated into the gullies and ravines, where the could no longer be reached by the fire from the ships. The enemy having finally concealed themselves in the light house and opened fire on the boats from that point, the ships opened fire upon the light house and destroyed it.

Lieutenant Winslow was wounded in the hand; Patrick Regan, private marine, was killed; Ernest Suntzenich, apprentice, has since died. Six other men were wounded. I cannot speak in too high praise of officers and men engaged in the four boats in cutting the cables. Their work was performed with the utmost coolness and intrepidity under the most trying circumstances, and I shall later have the honor to call special attention to their conduct.

[Signed] B. H. MCCALLA, Commander.

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SUBMARINE MINES.

A Discovery at Hampton Roads—Indications That Some One Has Tampered With the Wires.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., May 18.—A United States warship which sailed from Fortress Monroe since the government completed the work of planting mines in Hampton Roads is, if the story told the correspondent of the Associated Press to-night be true, lucky to be afloat to-day. A man who assisted in the work of placing the explosives in the harbor, and who is still in the service of the government, relates that one of the vessels struck a mine and so seriously damaged it that it had to be taken to a point near the Rip Raps yesterday afternoon and blown up. He says he aided in taking the mine up and towing it to the place at which it was destroyed. The ship's keel had made a large hole in it. The same man said that during the day he assisted in bringing to the surface for examination another mine. A lieutenant named Shultz was present, and when the mine was gotten where it could be seen it was found that the wire forming the connection with the electric battery had either been broken or cut near the cap. The lieutenant, he says, expressed the opinion that it had been cut. There is, however, no way of determining whether this opinion is correct or not. But the suspicion that some one has been tampering with the wires is sufficiently strong to cause an examination of other mines in the bay, and especially those remote from the shore.

DESTRUCTIVE STORMS.

Great Damage to Property and Many Persons Killed or Injured in Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

DUBUQUE, IOWA, May 18.—A cyclone struck Preston, Iowa, this afternoon, destroying most of the buildings in the town. Charles Floy, wife and three children were killed. Wm. O'Meara is said to have been killed at Quigley and Mike Hines at Charlotte.

Passengers on an incoming Milwaukee train report a very heavy wind storm throughout Western Illinois. At Lanark the poor house, a brick structure, was demolished and some of the twenty-five inmates may have been buried in the ruins.

Another tornado formed at Amboy, Ills., shortly before dark this evening. It travelled about twenty miles without changing its course and destroyed everything in its path, but no lives are known to have been lost.

At Antigo, Wis., scores of houses were levelled, many were unroofed and a score of people were injured. The electric light plant and water works were wrecked.

SPAIN'S NEW CABINET.

Sagasta Premier and Castillo Minister of Foreign Affairs.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MADRID, May 18.—The new Spanish cabinet has been formed as follows:

President of the Council of Ministers—Senor Praxedes Sagasta.

Minister of Foreign Affairs—Senor Leon y Castillo.

Minister of War—Lieutenant General Correa.

Minister of Marine—Senor Aunon.

Minister of the Colonies—Senor Romero Giron.

Minister of Finance—Senor Lopez Puigcerver.

Minister of the Interior—Senor F. R. Capdepon.

Minister of Justice—Senor C. Grezard.

Minister of Public Instruction—Senor Gamazo.

The Premier will act as Foreign Minister pending the arrival of Senor Castillo.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining Uncalled For in the Wilmington Postoffice May 17, 1898.

WOMEN'S LIST.

Joeanna Barnhill, Miss M A Beery, Mrs Jane Clement, Mrs Rosa Cohn, Mrs E C Dasist, Almealea Hardy, Miss Annie Hanson, Miss Annie Stolim, Miss Annie King, Miss Jane Kyle, Mrs Chas Malvi, Miss Syle Littleton, Mrs Angelina Peacock, Mrs Etta Rechter, Mrs Mary Rabon, Mrs Katie Stinson, Mrs F M Williams, Mrs Jno H Wilson, Mrs Lydia Walker, Mrs Louise Williams, Mrs Missouri Wilkins, Mrs Mary White.

MEN'S LIST.

William Allen, Brooks Biglow, J M Bryan, Bishop Beebe, R L Bruant, John Crossing, W J Conerly, William Cyr, Joe L Daniel, W J Eagle, Daniel Fealer, J Grecce, Jr., Willis Goase, Grecey Ham, Willis Herring, Bill Jones, C L Johnson, Mr Louis King, Willie King, Joe Leebman, L N Landers, John McMahn, Lonzer Molet, Nola McNorten, T J Morehead 2, N O Nelson 2, A M Parker, Jr, Jas Porter, Peter Olser, J M Russell, J Surgertery, N D Sutton, W Salter, W W Sharp, W G Smith 2, W J Smith, W E Smith, Tayler, Bolin & Co, E Z Taylor, George Toune, J M Firely, Jas E Tilley, David White, E M Wooten, E Wright, Nick Wright, Theodore Edel.

RETURNED FROM DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

Luia Albeit, N Cooper, Alex Dubois, Ed Hanery, Clara Scott, Jno Stanly, Archie Turner, Emma Warren, Geo Watson, Jeannett Williams.

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. If not called for in fifteen days they will be sent to the dead lettter office.

WM. H. CHADBOURN, Postmaster.

WARM WIRELETS.

Baltimore defeated Pittsburg in the ball game yesterday. Score 9 to 2. And St. Louis beat Chicago, 11 to 4.

The Populists of Georgia nominated J. R. Hogan, for governor; Felix N. Cobb, for attorney general and W. P. Glover, for commissioner of agriculture, to fill vacancies caused by the declination of those named at the regular convention held six weeks ago.

There is nothing surprising in it if there are a good many ups and downs in this country, when we annually consume 180,000,000 bunches of bananas.

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72 inch Fine White Organdies 40 to 75c a yard.
Full assortment of narrow Black Velvet Ribbon.
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Statement of Atlantic National Bank, Wilmington, N. C.

At the close of Business May 5th, 1898, Condensed from Report to Comptroller.

RESOURCES.			LIABILITIES.		
Loans		$534,022 29	Capital		$125,000 00
Overdrafts		57 27	Surplus	$60,000 00	
U. S. 4 per cent. Bonds (at par)		40,100 00	Undivided profits	18,597 06	78,597 06
Banking House and Fixtures		10,000 00	Circulation		36,000 00
Due from other Banks	$173,132 12		Total Deposits		622,033 04
Cash on hand	104,318 42	277,450 54			
Total		$861,630 10	Total		$861,630 10

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT:

	May 5, '96.	May 5, '97.	May 5, 98
Total Deposits	$545,000	$556,000	$622,000
Surplus and Net Profits	57,600	68,700	78,500
Bills Payable and Re discounts	NONE.	NONE.	NONE.

Dividends paid—6 per cent. per annum.

Last Instalment of Capital paid in October, 1892. my 13 tf

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Don't Throw Away things that you can get money for. I will pay cash for old iron, copper, brass, lead, pewter, zinc, cotton rags, old canvas, books, rubbers, etc. J. W. Knott, corner Ann and Water streets. my 18 tf

Sweet Potatoes—A lot of fine Norton Yams just received. Call and leave your orders or telephone me. H. J. Bierman, 215 Market street. Bell Phone No. 38. my 5 tf

Wanted—Everybody to try our Bartholomay Beer on Draught drawn by the latest and improved method. Free lunch from 11 A. M. until 1 P. M. Globe Saloon, No. 22 Market street. ap 27 tf

Just Received a fresh lot of Fruit. Apples, 65 and 70c peck; Bananas, 15 and 20c dozen; Oranges, 15, 20 and 25c dozen; Cocoanuts, 5c each; Lemons, 1c each. N. Paul, Princess street. ap 20 tf

Berry Crates—Baskets for beans and peas, barrels for lettuce and potatoes, hay, grain, flour, Pratts food, magic food, horse and cattle powders, chicken powders and all kinds of mixed food. Jno. S. McEachern, 211 Market street. Bell Phone 92, Inter-State Phone No. 92. ap 14 tf

M. C. Benson, 105 Dock street, solicits consignments of Chickens, Eggs, Hides, Wax, N. C. Bacon and all classes of produce. Beef Cattle and Milch Cows a specialty. April 2, '98. apr 3 tf

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For further particulars and subscriptions apply to

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D. O'CONNOR.

Real Estate Agent, Wilmington, N. C.

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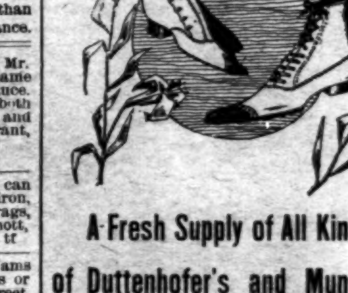

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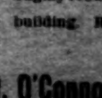

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Trains will leave Wilmington daily, except Sundays, at 10.10 A. M., 2.30 P. M. and 6.30 P. M.

Leave Ocean View daily, except Sundays, at 7.30 A. M., 11 A. M. and 5 P. M.

On Sunday trains will leave Wilmington at 2.30 P. M. and 6 P. M. Leave Ocean View at 5 P. M.

R. O. GRANT, Superintendent.

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